

A. Review & Motion to approve minutes from December 2, 2021 meeting.**B. Announcements/Informational items**

- 1) **Congratulations and Welcome Back.** Kicking off the new year, we have two new SPARC grant recipients to celebrate, **Nina Schreiner** and **Andrea Acosta**. A most warm welcome back to **Sherina** from fall sabbatical. **Marco** is on sabbatical this spring 2022. **TFAC this semester are Lori Donath** (once again) teaching a section of 102 IAP and 203 as well as our **Doctoral candidate, Preston Kerns** who is teaching a section of 212 (elective in the Med Anth Minor). **Please consider volunteering to conduct a Peer Teaching Evaluation for either of them.** Finally, **Kathryn Luchok**, a colleague and **FTE Instructor for WGST** is again teaching a sections of ANTH 392 (serving WGST and the Med Anth Minor).
- 2) **Reminder Spring Schedule of Anthropology Faculty Meetings** – Wednesdays 12-2 via zoom.
Feb. 16, 2022
March 16, 2022
April 13, 2022
May TBD
- 3) **Some unit Annual Review submissions are still outstanding.** Please send your Annual Activities – Long form, copy of CV and any peer evaluations of teaching if you had those done to me, Claudia and Ati. Claudia can send me copies of student course evaluations.
- 4) **Outside Professional Activities** (aka conflict of interest reports) via the AIR system are due before the end of this month. https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/faculty/outside-professional-activities.php
- 5) **Alumni Annual Newsletter & Tarot Track Cards** are now ready for widespread dissemination.
- 6) **University Administrative Searches.** Prof. **Michael Amiridis** is the new President-elect of UofSC which means that the University will finally be able to move forward on other searches for major administrative appointments. CAS Dean's Internal Search is moving forward. Kim is participating on that search committee.
- 7) **Procedural Change in Workflow within the Approver Chain in Peoplesoft.**
Starting Jan. 30. 2022 all PIs on grants will be a **required** part of the approver chain of transactions initiated in Peoplesoft. You will no longer be part of a larger pool who can approve and move it on. The impacted list of transactions include:
 - GT Journal Voucher eForms
 - Travel Authorizations
 - Travel Advances
 - Expense Reports for Travel, Travel Card and Non-Travel Reimbursements (AP)
 - Payment Requests
 - Requisitions
- 8) **CAS Dean's Office Notes.**
 - a. **CAS Assoc. Dean DEI search.** National Search led by our internal team failed and they have to restart now using an outside firm. **Jennifer "Bingo" Gunter** will take over for Todd Shaw as Interim Vice Dean. Julian Williams' office will also provide support with sensitive DEI matters (going directly to Dean Samuels)

- b. **“Play” Theme Semester 2023** I have volunteered to serve on this committee. Let’s come up with some great anthropology courses and programming. We have more time to gear up given that the semester is shifting.
 - c. **CAS will be authorizing 60+ FTE Instructor hires.** These are aimed largely at units that are dependent on adjuncts (TFAC) and shifting those lines where there is a proven track-record high quality teaching into FTE Professional Track Instructors.
 - d. **Grad Students interested in Darla Moore’s Master Modeler Competition?** Open to CAS Grads who are interested. Bryan Gentry (or Jeff Twiss) in CAS can help them find a team. https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/moore/research_and_centers/centers/center_for_applied_business_analytics/news_events/modeler_competition.php
 - e. **CAS 2nd plea to CAS faculty to join the Faculty Senate Courses & Curriculum Committee**
 - f. **Hiring Plans – 3 year visions** – Departmental meeting to discuss our aspirations for obtaining our vision. We should have a focused meeting to see if it has changed at all since the Self-Study-External Review and the range of applicants we see applying for the existing searches.
 - g. **Blueprint data especially important this year.** Upper admin will likely read these more intently than years past as they make decisions about where to steer the University.
 - h. **CAS Budget Support Staff** in place and proactively helping faculty and their grads with grant applications, including the NSF-DDRIG.
 - i. **CAS DEI Pilot Grant Program.** So far only one faculty member in the Department has expressed interest in this. As there can be only one submission per program, if you had intended on pursuing this please let it be known to the Chair today.
- C. Reports and discussion:**
- 1. **AGORAE** – Hansen
 - 2. **Budget Update** - Reynolds
 - 3. **Undergraduate Director** - Jones
 - 4. **Graduate Director** – DeWitte
 - a. **Grad Application Review – Focus on Top Candidates who qualify for Fellowships**
 - b. **Use of Recruitment Funds**
 - 5. **4-Field Curriculum & Course Scheduling** – Lewis
 - a. **Spring enrollment is robust for anthropology courses.**
 - b. **Cultural Wing Chair Report** – Doering-White
 - 6. **T & P Chair** - DeWitte
 - 7. **SCIAA News** - King

8. **Faculty Senate** - Simmons9. **Search Committee Up-dates**a. **Opportunity Hire** – Reynoldsb. **WGST Director** – Reynolds

Jennifer Hamilton will be on campus **February 10th & 11th** to interview for the WGST directorship. The other candidate has since dropped. Anthropology's research talk and meetings will happen on the 10th. The talk on the 10th will be a Zoom event from 4:00-5:30, but some of the meetings in the schedule will be F-2-F. Slots can be set aside for faculty and grads to meet with her. I can volunteer to join the dinner event as we have been allowed to participate in that too. Atieno will be working closely with the Stephanie Mitchem who is the keeper of the schedule.

c. **Postdoc** – Lewis & Reynoldsd. **Bio** – De la Covae. **Arch** - Weik10. **Colloquium Coordinators** – Barra & Stawkowski

Jennifer spoke with Dr. **Giovanni B'atz** and he has accepted our invitation to give a talk as part of our speaker series. If he is to give a virtual talk, his availability is the following: **Feb 1-28 and March 1-7**. Late in the semester (April) might be possible for a campus visit, but that all depends on COVID and if he is going to a field visit in Guatemala. We should probably proceed with scheduling a virtual talk for February if more job talks are all going to hit in March. He can speak about his book project regarding Ixil Mayas mobilization against mining in Guatemala. [**Note: Maxcy College - Living & Learning Community has money to chip in as co-sponsor for this event – we just need to follow-up.**]

Website changes: CAS Communications has been pushing for depts/offices to use 25Live to post events including in-person/virtual/off-campus ones. Using 25Live will also make our events more accessible to the public since we can link our calendar to multiple calendars of our choice (i.e., CAS, UofSC Public, Student, UofSC Faculty Staff). Ati will be removing the Events webpage, and set up 25Live starting this month.

D. Old Business –1. **Leatherman request for distinguished emeritus faculty status**

2. **Retirement Party Planning for Wagner.** Ati is in the midst of event planning and has great ideas that already have Gail's input. It will be a picnic shelter party held outdoors at the **Saluda Shoals Park** for a likely weekend date March or April – the later the better given the weather. We are able to purchase a tree (and plaque in her honor) and work with the landscape services regarding its placement. Gail has already shared with Ati what kind of

tree and best locations for planting. Ati has a list of her grads and Adam is working on reaching out to them.

E. New Business

F. Good of the Order