Mini Minutes April 11, 2019

A NEW CALS ASSOCIATE DEAN POSITION HAS BEEN CREATED. Keep an eye out for a special announcement from the Dean, because CALS is hiring for the new position of Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. The new position will work closely with the CALS Office of Academic Programs on the student experience, have a special emphasis on systematic faculty recruitment, and lead the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

A NEW CALS DEPARTMENT IS FORMING. In 2020, Development Sociology and IP-CALS (CALS International Programs) will form the new Department (and new major) of Global Development. The new unit was inspired by the recommendation of the faculty task force on CALS structure and faculty in DSOC, IP-CALS and other CALS faculty members have been engaged in the planning process. Current tenure cases, majors, PhD students, and research projects will advance under current lines of responsibility. Questions should be sent to Max Pfeffer at his pfeffer@cornell.edu. Details of the unit and major will be reviewed through the CALS Curriculum Committee, the CALS Faculty Executive Committee, the Provost office, the Cornell Trustees, and the SUNY approval processes.

WE ARE WORKING ON SYLLABI AVAILABILITY PROCESSES. Several different units and systems across campus are working to respond to requests for syllabi. Some history: CALS faculty senate voted about 10 years ago to make syllabi available based on student demand. A couple of years ago, the Cornell Student Assembly voted that syllabi will be available to view at pre-enroll. Syllabi are also needed to review any new courses proposed to the CALS Curriculum Committee. Eileen Keating (University Records Manager) and Evan Earle (University Archivist) visited to describe the many requests from historians, researchers of pedagogy, and genealogists for syllabi to be made available. We are currently working on these processes to both comply and protect faculty intellectual property. You should expect to hear much more about this over the next few months/year and any policies will be taken to a college-wide vote.

THE POLLS ARE OPEN UNTIL MAY 1. We would like to remind all that the polls are open and voting for representatives for important CALS faculty governance positions will only take a few minutes. You can register your vote quickly and securely at the link provided in the email previously sent to you from the CALS Executive Dean’s Office.

OTHER DETAILS:

In Room: Eric Alani, Jim Blankenship, Sahara Byrne, Evan Earle, Eileen Keating, Max Pfeffer, Jeremy Thompson, Don Viands, Mingming Wu

Via Zoom: Bruce Reisch, Jennifer Grant, Michael Mazourek

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Max Pfeffer and Don Viands are also in attendance at the CFEC meetings.

WANT TO VISIT? We will send out an agenda the week before our regularly scheduled meetings, which take place the second Thursday of each month at 3:30-5pm. These meetings are listed on our website at https://cals.cornell.edu/about/leadership/executive-dean/cfec/ and are open for faculty that wish to visit in person or via Zoom. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please email us 8 days before the next scheduled meeting. Additionally, you may request a three-minute time slot in the meeting to bring up an issue. Do this by being present in person or Zoom at 3:30 and making yourself known when we ask if anyone is requesting to speak in the open session. All meetings are audio-recorded for record keeping.