

Dance Department Meeting Minutes

May 29 2015

2:00 p.m.

Present: Jeff Hendrix, Kari Jensen, Pat Lefler, Lee Martino, Amy Nakamura, Karol Ritz, Michelle Shear.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Nakamura at 2:01 p.m.

- **PIE/SLO and EPIE:** The Dance Department PIE report is nearing completion so faculty wishing to submit any additional information should do so by ASAP. Since the semester is nearing a close, Amy will be collecting data and results from the course embedded tests/SLO's and inputting the information this Summer into the trac dat system.
- **Budget and scholarship:** Lee and Amy have completed purchasing for the Spring dance concert. Purchase order receipts are now submitted to Suzy in the division. At high school dance day, we raised enough money to award one generous Beth Spicer memorial scholarships at our Spring Dance Concert. This year's recipient is Priscilla Gonzales. She received a check from the foundation, a letter signed by Amy, Lee and Dean Joe Jennum, and a floral bouquet at the Spring Dance Concert's opening night.
- **Scheduling:** Winter 2016 schedules have been requested. Amy encouraged faculty to plan to submit asap.
- **Concert:** Spring Concert was a huge success! Amy and Lee thanked the faculty for announcing the dates and times in their classes. The concert featured Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary and Modern. We saw growth again this year from the students who were able to attend ACDFA this year, not only in their dancing but also in their choreographic works.
- **Future AA Degree in Dance:** Amy is taking this summer off from teaching to work on the AA in dance. Again, many of our students are currently seeking an AA in Kinesiology since there is not one in Dance. Kari and Michelle said they would research the AA offerings at the other colleges they teach at as well.
- **Dance under the Stars Choreography Festival:** Submissions for this festival were turned in this week.
- **Additional Outreach Event:** Adjunct professor Michelle Shear has been hard at work organizing the additional High School Dance Day

scheduled for July that would be targeted to the Color guard and drill team groups, rather than the dance teams. From our recent department meetings regarding repeatability and looking at enrollment numbers, we decided on this event to boost enrollment. Michelle, Lee, Pat and Karol all volunteered to teach and Amy will be making the introduction and taking photos of the day to share on Facebook and on our website.

- **Academic Senate:** Amy reported news and updates from Academic Senate meetings.
- **Master classes:** Please notify Amy if you have a master teacher that you feel would inspire our students so we can look into getting them board approved for the Fall 2015 semester. This year, many master teachers did a fabulous job with our students and we would like to keep this important learning experience for our students.
- **Repertory Auditions:** We will be auditioning for next year's Repertory Dance Company in June. Spring dance concert students and past Repertory dancers are encouraged to attend, as well as any dancers recommended by faculty. There will be a make-up audition in August for students who are unable to attend. Please have students contact Amy or Lee for details.

Adjournment 3:10 p.m.