**Faculty Meeting Minutes 1/30/23**

**Special Announcements and Guest:**

Tisheika Snow, Philip Wilkerson, Connie Benson, Giselle Quezada

Co-Chairs of Univ Life Awards and Recognition Committee

*\*University Life Partnership Award to Dr. Al Fuertes\**

**Announcements:**

1. Kelly Dunne – Executive Director
   1. Last day to add is today
   2. 87% fill rate for spring 23
   3. HEP/SIS Merger Working Groups
      1. Faculty committee is recommending a 2023-2024 transition year to discuss governance issues such as bylaws, RP&T and annual evaluations.
      2. Staff committee is also wrapping up. New proposal to hire a classified staff to focus on marketing and communications. Additionally, some other ask such as term, BIS advisor.
      3. Daniel Chen and Kelly will serve as co-directors during the transition year
      4. Plans to create undergraduate Higher Ed focused classes and create a smooth BAM process within our department.
   4. Curriculum Updates:
      1. African and African American Studies has passed the CHSS curriculum committee and now goes to the Mason Undergraduate Council for review. The goal is for this new concentration within Integrative Studies to be available Fall 2023.
      2. In university efforts to reduce overlapping degree programs, SIS and GLOA have come up with some collaboration plans, to include the GLOA degree requiring more INTS courses in their core. This would increase our FTE in enrollment. We would then stop recruiting into our International Studies concentration.
         1. Please send Kelly any concerns or questions by 1/31 COB.
   5. Upcoming:
      1. We will reevaluate the conversation around the SIS Pillars next
      2. ChatGPT discussion in February
2. Stephanie Zeher – Office Manager
   1. Faculty & Staff Kick Off Event for Spring 23
      1. Taco Bar – George’s on 2/8 from 11:30 -1:30
   2. Highlighting Faculty on the website and social. Please send me any awards or interesting research you are doing so I can showcase it.
3. Misty Krell – Director of Academic Services
   1. Assessment email sent out
      1. Please review and pick which two assignments you’d like to do. They will be due in early March.