

Report from the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Reviewing the Summer Arch

The committee solicited input from the faculty using an email questionnaire, an anonymous Google Form survey, and a public forum. The attached results of the Google Form survey includes 138 responses from faculty. The concerns brought forward by the Google Form survey defined the structure of the forum, which asked faculty to weigh in on four topics:

1. The impact on student load and learning experience.
2. The impact on faculty load and scholarly productivity.
3. The off semester.
4. The summer term: What could it be?

Vice-Provost Linda Schadler led the forum and fielded questions from the faculty. The responses were diverse and mostly specific to academic programs. The minutes of the Summer Arch Forum are also attached.

Two recurrent themes emerged during the Summer Arch Forum. First, faculty were indignant about the way the Initiative was announced, having received little opportunity for input. Second, the faculty were mostly unenthusiastic about the Initiative, with some exceptions. The Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Summer Arch recommends that in the future, the administration bring a broader selection of faculty and student constituencies into the discussion of a new initiative at an earlier date/stage so that both groups feel they have had a chance to contribute.

Our second charge was to provide nominations to form a new committee, the Faculty Senate Summer Arch Oversight Committee. The committee nominates the following faculty:

- GSAS Ben Chang
- COGS Bram Von Heuveln
- CSCI Barb Cutler
- CSCI Sibel Adali
- CSCI Malik Magdon-Ismail
- ECSE Hussain Abusaid
- ECSE Rich Radke
- MATE Dan Lewis
- ARCH Gustavo Crembil
- BMED Dianna Thompson
- BMED David Corr
- CHME Cynthia Collins
- PHYS Ingid Wilke
- ECSE Shayla Sawyer
- MATP Kristin Bennett
- STSS Atsushi Akera
- COMM June Deery
- ARCH Lonn Combs
- PHYS Peter Persans
- MATP Mark Holmes

Furthermore, the committee recommends the following two items become part of the charge to the Summer Arch Oversight Committee.

- Hold a forum in Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 before/after the first "Arch" summer.
- Consider requiring program level learning outcomes that would assess the experiential learning component of the Summer Arch.

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