Program Council, GSAPP

Weekly Meeting 02/05

5 FEBRUARY 2021 / 2:30 PM / Z00M

ATTENDEES

Internal Meeting, Jan 29: Ahmed, Alina, Becca, Caitlyn, Derek, Elaine, Elie, Elliott, Eric, Farah, Joel, Kaeli, Madeleine, Max, Preme, Tianyu, Wenjuan

Program Council: Ahmed, Alina, Caitlyn, Elie, Elliott, Farah, Isabella, Joel, Kaeli, Madeleine, Max, Rachel, Rebecca, Tianyu, Wenjuan

Administration: Danielle Smoller, JD Stogdill

Guests: Mark Taylor, Ben Goldie, Steven

AGFNDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

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New Business

• Virtual Kinne Week: Dispersal Timeline?

DS: As per https://www.arch.columbia.edu/deans-letter/201119:

The disbursement of the fund will be made in the student's final semester prior to graduating, which will be either February for those graduating in May, or June for those graduating in August 2021.

- DS: There will be more information about Kinne recommendations in the next newsletter.
- **GSAPP Career Fair:** Date?

DS: March 19-20 (virtual). More details from Careers soon.

- o DS: Karen (new hire), will be checking in with MArchs and AADs soon.
- o EZ: Why is it that late?
- o DS: Can ask on Wednesday.

• Portfolio: Deadline

DS: MArch Portfolios will also be used to assist the Faculty Awards Committee in determining the recipients of the various design prizes awarded to graduates.

The MArch digital portfolios are still available on this <u>EoYS 2020</u> page.

Portfolio Submission Guidelines:

Students upload a PDF copy of your digital portfolio on Wednesday 4/21/21, not to exceed 75 pages, including cover pages and, if applicable, table of contents. Two page spreads count as one page. The maximum accepted file size is 32 MB. The portfolio should be optimized for viewing on standard size computer screens. Please include work from each required studio.

MSAAD + MSAUD portfolios are due at the end of August

- DS: Submit portfolio when you finish your last studio. School has one week to do all the processing, there is no way to extend the deadline further back.
- o AA: There is very little time for students to work on portfolios.
- DS: Working with conditions available to us. Can potentially add a day, but will be difficult, if not impossible, to extend any longer.
- o AAY: What about UD and AAD?
- DS: Portfolio-based awards will be given out at the end of the summer. Those programs will be part of the university graduation in April. There are only three dates on a diploma: October, February, and May.
- Graduation: Hybrid or online? Invitations? Details?

DS: University Graduation website just updated: https://commencement.columbia.edu/content/ceremonies-events. GSAPP Graduation website to be updated shortly

 DS: There is one big graduation ceremony per year. Details will be forthcoming on the website above. Dean is committed to trying to do some part of GSAPP's ceremony in person. University planning on

- communicating about graduation in February.
- DS: University has already assigned us a day and time, check the website.
- Studio X: Studio X Travel

DS: As per https://covid19.columbia.edu/content/spring-2021-travel-restrictions, all Columbia travel is suspended for Spring 2021.

- o DS: Will be eventually be updated with regards to summer travel.
- **Summer:** Summer Semester 25 credits?

DS: Summer 2021 max credits will be, as usual, 19 pts.

- DS: University only offered an exception for last year. Hope is that summer will offer more in-person classes. Have already requested more, larger classrooms.
- AA: When will plans for the summer be released?
- o DS: Not sure, yet. Moving towards more in-person.
- Admissions: Students part of the admission process?

DS: Currently the University and the School's Admissions Offices are standardizing and infusing greater equity in the admissions review and selection process, to include implicit bias training and in the review process to better support a holistic application review process. With the exception of PhDs, they have not included students.

- DS: This is brand new, and as we get more information, you will get more information.
- Vaccination Process, particularly for students graduating this Spring:

DS: University vaccine plan can be found at:

https://covid19.columbia.edu/news/columbia-vaccine-policy-and-distribution-forum

Deployment of vaccine(s) will be consistent with national, state, and local guidance regarding priority groups.

o DS: Don't think students are currently eligible. When you do

- become eligible, you may have to go directly to the city or state vaccination site.
- DS: It's local government authorities that are administering the vaccine, not the university. Eligibility comes NY State or NY City.
- Agenda: Can they be posted online?

DS: Discuss Spring 2021 Calendar / Agenda + then request Shannon post

Fridays at 2:30

Feb 5: Check-in with Danielle

Feb 19: Dean Andraos joins

March 5: Spring Break

March 12

March 26

April 9?

• Miro Boards: Can we get paid plans for each class/studio so that we are able to use the unlimited boards? Too much info on one board makes it slow and difficult to load and free accounts only allow three boards at a time, which is difficult for group projects.

DS: Ben Goldie to answer.

- BG: Confusion between edu agreement and standard free account, not part of CU. There's three tiers. Have to check if subscription is unlimited boards. Enterprise version is very expensive, but I need to understand the need.
- BG: Would want faculty or TA or set up a board for the entire class, as part of that group. Need to use the account provided by GSAPP, and an account set up by a faculty member. Need some examples to understand the problems. First step is to submit tickets and start with specific examples.

- FA: Need to apply for an education account; it is not automatic. Must send an email to Miro.
- $\circ~$ BG: Need to tell everyone that they have to apply for an edu account, and not the free account.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Talk about graduation.

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA