Present: Mary Anne Beecher (presiding), Peter Chan, Scott Denison, Chris Edbrooke, Polly Graham, Jeff Haase, Noel Mayo, Rebekah Matheny, Paul Nini, Maria Palazzi, Liz Sanders, Brian Stone, Gabe Tippery
Absent: Carol Gill, Susan Melsop, Alan Price (sabbatical), Scott Shim

ACHIEVEMENTS

Peter Chan served as a PhD Candidate examiner at the School of Design, Hong Kong Polytechnic University for Peter Chuab Chin, “Becoming a Reflective Communication Design Student: Perceptions and Values of Reflection as a Learning Tool,” in January, 2016.

Paul Nini is on the program committee for the Information+ Conference at Emily Carr University, British Columbia, Canada (June, 2016). http://informationplusconference.com/organizers/

Paul Nini is one of the editors for the new Journal of Communication Design : http://www.icod.org/projects/journal-of-communication-design#editorial-board -- http://www.icod.org/2016/03/02/cd.php

Liz Sanders was invited to serve as a member of the Steering Committee that will create a Design Research Association in the US and Canada. The association will be launched at the 2017 IASDR conference being held at the University of Cincinnati.

Liz is working on a project called MakeSense with a consortium of EU organizations from NL, ES, UK, XK, IT and BE. The MakeSense project “envisions a world of collective sensemaking for sustainable social action.”

Liz has agreed to serve as one of the Associate Editors for Ergonomics in Design, the journal published by The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES).

Liz is serving on the program committee for PDC16 (Participatory Design in an Era of Participation) that will take place in Aarhus Denmark in August 2016.

Liz served as a juror for the TechSAge 2016 Design Competition. The competition is organized by the TechSAge Research Engineering Rehabilitation Center (RERC) at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and sponsored by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR).

Liz is serving on Advisory Committee for the new MFA in Design Program for UW-Stout’s School of Art + Design.
Liz conducted a workshop (Collective Creativity: A Hands-On Experience) for the first-year graduate students in the Fisher College of Business at OSU on March 4, 2016.


We also presented two posters at this conference:

- S. Lavender, C. Sommerich, E. Sanders, K. Evans, J. Li, R.Z.D. Umar, S. Nagavarapu, and E. Patterson, Eyebrow-Raising Patient Room Design Concepts Desired by Hospital Staff.
- S. Lavender, C. Sommerich, E. Sanders, K. Evans, J. Li, R.Z.D. Umar and E. Patterson, Patient Room Design: The Environmental Services Perspective.

Deb Scott received an Award of Excellence for Best in Category: “Design as Art” at the Interior Design Educators Council national conference in March 12, 2016.


**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The appointment of Yvette Shen as a new assistant professor in our department has been approved and we await a final commitment from her.

Hiring of Kyoung Swearingen is still in process/negotiation.

All faculty are needed to review First Year Student final projects on Thursday, April 21st between 8 am and 4 pm. Please plan to distribute your efforts across the day so that each of the three classes have some faculty on hand to look at work. A Doodle Poll will be sent for the purpose of noting when each of you will be participating.

The CIA will be here next Monday, March 28th to talk to students to recruit.

The Class of 2006 will have a reunion in conjunction with the Senior Exhibition. They will review student portfolios and provide a panel discussion in addition to attending the Professionals Night and alumni after party.
IIDA Career Day will be Friday, April 8th. Will be open to all design students.

Please plan to attend the reception of an exhibition of work by our graduate students in the Hopkins Hall gallery from 4-5 pm on May 11th. This is part of the Barnett Symposium (5/11-5/12) on Planning the Creative City (https://aaep.osu.edu/events/2016-barnett-symposium).

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Final planning for Graduating Student Exhibition is as follows:
   - February 15th Faculty Meeting Minutes approved: Motion by Jeff Haase, second by Rebekah Matheny.
   - Invitations have gone out for Professionals Night and Family and Friends Night.
   - The Urban Arts Space would like everything set up by this Saturday, March 26th.
   - We discussed ways to encourage the First Year students to attend the Exhibition. This is an excellent opportunity for them to see the work from all three programs.
   - We discussed the importance of curating the work exhibited by the graduate students. We need to improve the communication channels and expectations. Requiring them to participate needs to be established upon their entry into the MFA program. We need to define whether or not non-thesis work can also be exhibited.
   - We also discussed the possibly have two shows a year for the grad students’ projects because they finish at different times, and how to collect digital versions of exhibited material in a format that will lend itself to inclusion on our website.
   - We need to return to this topic for more definitive conclusions based on recommendations from the Graduate Studies Committee.

2. Review of first year students (Scott Denison)
   - Format for first year students presenting is detailed on the handout circulated.
   - Suggestion was made that maybe students should explain their process along with the assignments included in their portfolio.
   - April 19th - Set up for final Foundations review.
   - April 21st student projects to be presented. Faculty will participate to give students feedback. This is also an informal chance to make initial assessments.
   - April 25th – Portfolio are due by 10:00 am. Compassion will be used in consideration of late submissions but students will not be told that it is permissible to miss the deadline. Final faculty deliberations that date in Hayes 105. Gabe needs to receive the list of accepted students by 3:00 pm. A form for each portfolio must be completed to record our decision making process.
   - April 26th – Accepted students will be notified via email.

3. Alumni Advisory Board charter draft (Mary Anne Beecher)
   - Mary Anne requests that faculty review the charter and share comments with her. The charter is based on models used for other advisory boards used within the college.

4. Special Masters of Innovation proposal (in progress)
• Proposal is still in progress but we are desired participants.
• The term “Special” is used by the Business College to fast-track starting new programs.
• DSN 6100 and 6500 (taught by Liz Sanders) are likely to be listed as electives in this program.

5. Data Visualization update... (Mary Anne Beecher & Maria Palazzi)
• Our search for a new faculty member in Data Visualization has officially begun. The committee (Susan Melsop—Chair, Brian Stone, Maria Palazzi & Matt Lewis) will meet this month to discuss first steps and acquiring the required diversity training.
• The position description will be shared with all faculty and you are encouraged to help spread the word about the opportunity to potential applicants.
• Maria, Mary Anne and Raghu Machiraju (Computer Science) presented a model for delivering an interdisciplinary data visualization specialization as one of the formal options for the Data Analytics major to the Data Analytics Faculty Advisory Board in early March. The Board was very receptive to the model presented.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Brown Bag Lunch with 1st year students - Each major needs to provide a brief overview of the major’s characteristics. All faculty should attend. The students are eager to meet with faculty and we should use this as an opportunity to make them feel like we are interested in them. The goal is to provide one common message to all first year students who can attend. We may want to consider recording the presentations for future use.
   • April 4th at 12:00 noon was agreed upon for this brown bag meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT
   Noel Mayo motioned to adjourn at 12:00 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SIGNIFICANT DATES
3/28 Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
4/4 Area Committee meetings
4/11 Department Faculty Meeting
4/18 Departmental Committee meetings
4/25 ENTRANCE PORTFOLIOS COLLECTED between 8-10 am (NO EXCEPTIONS). REVIEW BY FACULTY THAT DAY.
4/26 INTERVIEW DAY FOR UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS
4/25 Graduate Studies Committee Meeting 10 am
4/27 First year students are notified of program decisions on this date.