

CVPA FACULTY/ STAFF ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 1-3:30 pm
Barnes Recital Hall

1:00-1:15

I. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Karen Oremus, Dean

a. Welcoming New Full Time CVPA Faculty and Leadership

- David Wohl, Interim Director of the Master of Art Administration Program
- Devin Waddell, Tenure Track, Assistant Professor of Interior Design
- Mikale Kalis, Assistant Professor of Design (Interdisciplinary)
- Stephen Hicks, Instructor of Graphic Design

b. Welcoming New Part Time CVPA Faculty

- Brian Bojanowski, Printmaking- Fine Arts
- Sarah Abushakra, Piano-Music
- Teil Taliesin, Oboe-Music
- Johnnie J. Felder, Voice-Music
- Amelia Binford, Dance- Theatre& Dance
- Lorraine Crittendon, Dance- Theatre& Dance
- James Kopecky, Dance- Theatre& Dance

c. Celebrating 2025-26 Faculty Promotions + Tenure

- Biff Edge, Theatre and Dance, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Gabrielle Tull, Theatre and Dance, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Michelle Livek, Fine Arts, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Stephanie Sutton, Fine Arts, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Julia McCallum, Music, Promoted to Senior Instructor
- Mark Lewis, Music, Successful Post-tenure
- Tomoko Deguchi, Music, Successful Post-tenure
- Matther Wanwarren, Music, Successful Post-tenure

d. Celebrating 2025-26 Sabbaticals

- Best wishes to Seth Rouser (Sabbatical Spring 2026)
- Best wishes to Elisa Koehler (Sabbatical Spring 2026)
- Look forward to hearing about Claudia O'Steen's Sabbatical Spring 2025
- New Sabbatical Guidelines forthcoming

e. Departures + Celebration of Service to Winthrop

- Jennifer Kempka (26 yrs-Music) has transitioned to another position
- Robert Wildman (7 yrs-MAAA) has moved on from WU to pursue other opportunities
- Sandra Neels (35 yrs-Dance) Condolences and Dedication

1:15-2:00

II. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](#) FROM 3.7.25 – Dean Oremus

III. NOMINATION OF CVPA ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR 2025-26 –Karen Oremus

IV. DEAN'S REPORT – Dean Oremus

a. CVPA 2024-25 Master Calendar of Deadlines, Events, and Reminders

- General Overview
- [Master CVPA Administrative Calendar](#)
- [CVPA Directory](#)
- [CVPA Organization Chart](#)
- [CVPA Faculty and Staff Manual](#)
- Course syllabi and Updated CVs due to Chairs (8/29)/ Departments review and Admin upload to Dean's Shared Drive (9/5)
- [Master Syllabus](#) for Review ([CVPA Syllabus Policy](#))
- [Outside Employment/ Consulting Forms](#) to Chairs (8/29) to Dean's office (9/3) to Provost (9/5)
- Faculty Conference (8/22) and after party

b. 2024-25 CVPA Executive Summary + Looking Ahead into 2025-26

2:00- 2:10

V. ASSOCIATE DEAN'S REPORT – Tracy Patterson, Associate Dean

2:10-2:20

V. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Lauren Grad, Director of Communications

2:20-2:30

VI. ENROLLEMENT & RECRUITMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2024-25 – Paula Garofalo, CVPA Recruiter

2:30-2:35

VII. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT – Anna Fredericks, Director

2:45-3:00

VIII. DEPARTMENT AND UNIT REPORTS – 2 minutes each

- a. Department of Design – Jason Tselentis, Chair
- b. Department of Fine Arts – Mark Hamilton, Chair
- c. Department of Music – Lorrie Crochet, Chair
- d. Department of Theatre and Dance – Daniel Gordon, Chair
- e. Master of Arts in Arts Administration Program – David Wohl, Director
- f. ST-ARTS – Jeff McEvoy, Director
- g. Director of Arts Education – Gabrielle Tull
- h. Arts in Basic Curriculum Institute – Kim Wilson, Director
- i. Winthrop University Galleries – Mike Gentry, Director

3:00-3:30

IX. Q & A – Open Forum

3:30

X. ADJOURNMENT