

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

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**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
- Kyle Sweeney, Fine Arts, Successful Tenure
- 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
- Matthew Manwarren, 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**