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**STAFF COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING**
**Agenda**

Wednesday 05/17/23, 10:30 a.m.

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In-person: 240SH, or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/98191553384>

1. Call to order by President
2. Minutes approval (04/19/23) - motion by Sandy, second by Alli, approved unanimously
3. New Business
* Presentation: Associate Dean for Arts & Humanities Roland Racevskis
	+ Strategic initiatives/planning (along with Chris C.)
	+ This year’s highlights:
		- Performing Arts Engagement (Andre P. & Hancher) - Hancher is integrated into performing arts curriculum (eg – systematic arrangements for “master classes” or other syllabus components between performers and students).
		- UI is the writing & communication university – how are we headlining/highlighting this identity? Update/added physical spaces, faculty recruitment going well,
		- Collaborations increasing between playwriting, screenwriting, creative writing, non-fiction writing, theater, cinematic arts (especially writing for TV)
		- Faculty to majors (students) ratio survey at Dean Sander’s behest – HHP is high and so is Cinema. These results helps determine strategic areas for hiring. Objective is to be less reactive, more strategic. Established 3-5 year hiring plan taking into accounts projected needs (eg taking into account faculty retirements).
		- ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies https://www.acls.org/) – national organization/consortium for liberal arts disciplines, UI is now partner institution (requested/recruited because distinguished Midwest institution), there is a cost associated with this memebership $18K/unit CLAS contribution (three-way division). Return on investments should be faculty fellowships. Helps serve strategic initiative to increase research output and funding.
		- Reallignment of departments and programs in CLAS – attempting to establish clarity around what constitutes departments/schools/units/etc. Objective is to arrive at sustainable models and eventually build capacity.
* CLAS SC – Retreat Update
	+ Location: Vue
	+ Scott White
	+ Menu
* Annual Reports Reminder
1. Old Business
2. Committee updates
* Communications
* DEI
1. Ex-officio updates
2. Adjourn

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: