**Department of Humanities and Fine Arts**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 11, 2020. 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Virtual/Online (Zoom)

**Chair:** Dana Roes

**Minutes:** Michael McGowan

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| Brown | X |  |  |
| Chase, S | X |  |  |
| Chase, W | X |  |  |
| Doiron | X |  |  |
| Hoover |  | X |  |
| Lublink | X |  |  |
| McGowan | X |  |  |
| Mompoint | X |  |  |
| Pritchett | X |  |  |
| Roes | X |  |  |
| Sutter |  | X |  |
| Smith | X |  |  |
| Swanson | X |  |  |
| Molloy | X |  |  |
| Krupinski | X |  |  |
| Wurst | X |  |  |
| Harrington | X |  |  |
| Chowdhury | X |  |  |
| Gresens | X |  |  |
| Guests |  | | |

1. Opening
   1. Call to Order: 10:15 a.m.
   2. Attendance taken: I may have missed Les and Dale. Were they there?
   3. Minutes from August 2020 approved
2. Announcements:
   1. Florence classes in Summer 2021: Tell your students! (Music Appreciation with Tom, Introduction to Philosophy with Russell, Theater Appreciation with Stuart, or Geology with Joe).
3. Information Items:
   1. Assessment update (Mike Molloy): we’re looking at “Communicate” this year. And Logic, Critical Thinking, and Great Human Questions may get selected (or may not).
   2. Professional Development Update (Sarah Lublink): Three PD Fridays in the Fall 2020 semester: 9/25, 10/23, and 10/30 (none in Nov.). All are virtual, and check [www.fsw.edu/tlc](http://www.fsw.edu/tlc) for titles and descriptions of activities. Union is handling proposal to have faculty coordinators (Sarah wants our support because it’s time sensitive).
   3. Covid-19 cases: only 3 listed as of 9/11, but might be much higher
4. Discussion: Conspiracy Theories: general group opinion is that we need to be sensitive to the students who voice such conspiratorial thinking while also gently nudging them toward truth (or our best approximation of it).
5. Next Meeting: 10/9/20 at 10 a.m.