

HCDE Faculty Meeting Minutes Final

April 1, 2026

Sieg 329 and Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/97532496066>

Faculty present: Arpita, Cindy Atman, Katya Cherukumilli, Brock Craft, Sayamindu Dasgupta, Leah Findlater, Tyler Fox, Sucheta Ghoshal, Shana Hirsch, Gary Hsieh, Cayla Key, Julie Kientz, Beth Kolko, Alan Marks, David McDonald, Sean Munson, David Ribes, Daniela Rosner, Emily Tseng, Jennifer Turns, Linda Wagner, Mark Zachry

Faculty Absent: Mark Haselkorn, Charlotte Lee, Nadya Peek, Kate Starbird,

Others present: Melissa Ewing, Sourojit Ghosh, Stacia Green, Meghan Oxley, Summer Dela Cruz Parkes, Leah Pistorius, Kathleen Rascon

Guests: Judy Bridges/Laura Dorsey

Reminders/Announcements (5 minutes)

- Save the date: Please hold on your calendar!
 - PhD spring prelims, April 2, Sieg 134, 1:30-4pm.
 - Research Showcase, April 28, UW Club, 4-6pm
 - Engineering Discovery Days, April 30 & May 1
 - Distinguished Lecture: Laura Forlano, May 11, 3:30-5:30pm, HUB 334
 - PhD review, May 20, 2026, Sieg 329, 9am-2pm
 - Merit review, May 29, 2026, 9am-1pm, Sieg 420
 - Capstone Showcase, June 3, 2026, 3-7pm, HUB Ballroom
 - Graduation, June 12, 2026, 10am-12pm, HUB Ballroom
- Updates on projects, grants, classes, research

Special presentation by Judy Bridges and Laura Dorsey of CoMotion

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Updates - Standing Committees & Chairs

Topic	Notes
Approval of 3/04/2026 minutes	-Motion to approve 3/04/2026 faculty meeting minutes by Daniela, seconded by Katya. Motion approved. 18 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

Topic	Notes
BSPC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student registration questions please send to advising -Applications for interest changers/transfers coming up -Hosted Human-Centered Engineering Symposium -ABET update–short on credits in one category; might delay consultant visit; pushing out accreditation visit by a year
MS Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One MS fellowship, thanks to Kathleen -Offers sent out and will be doing virtual visits this week
PhD Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Award reviews happening now, looking for nominations for banner carrier at UW graduation -Looking at fall recruitment. Please update your research statements. -Getting information from other programs about TA and RA hiring. -Spring prelims coming up. Need more faculty to participate. -Get dissertation done workshop for past generals students with two spots open -Final quarter tuition coverage
DEI Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update from DEI committee: mini grants, listening sessions, affinity groups, recruitment efforts and teaching toolkit
Chair Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ExCom: Purple AI presentation by UW IT maybe for use in classes. -Survey for impacts from financial transformation -Draft of UW strategic plan and looking for feedback. Would be good to have a look at it and provide feedback. -Food services survey -Congratulations to HCDE to be fully compliant in grant effort compliance! -CoE Program fees approved. Not sure how they'll be rolled out. Currently in year zero. Not sure how funds will be distributed. -New grants manager starting April 13

Break

S/D/G= Sharing Information, Decision, Gather Input

Old Business

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Desired Outcome</u>
Digital Accessibility Initiative	<p>-Feedback from administration was more reassuring. HCDE good faith effort recommendations. HCDE resources. Familiarize yourself with the expectations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend about an hour reviewing the expectations and resources listed on Slide 3 • Use Canvas and aim for an 80% Ally accessibility score for your course(s). • Ways to make your course more accessible include removing old, unused materials, replacing reading PDFs with accessible readings, linking to slides directly, adding alt tags to images and headers to documents and slides and websites • Document for yourself if you are unable to meet 80%, including what you were able to do and what work remains. Reach out to central accessibility support. • We can refer to this if any questions arise for your course

New Business:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Desired Outcome</u>
Yearly/Monthly Themes	<p>-Introducing yearly themes within HCDE offers a shared intellectual framework that brings coherence to our expansive HCDE community -Let's try it for next year and see how it goes. Adopt "Public" and see how it functions?</p>

Motion to go to Executive Session by Shana, seconded by Arpita. Motion approved

Executive Session

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Desired Outcome</u>
Teaching track search	-update
New Affiliate Assistant Professor	-discussion and private vote

Motion to adjourn by Arpita, seconded by Daniela. Motion approved.