

HCDE Faculty Meeting Minutes draft

April 29, 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, Mark Haselkorn, Gary Hsieh, Cayla Key, Julie Kientz, Beth Kolko, Alan Marks, David McDonald, Sean Munson, Daniela Rosner, Kate Starbird, Emily Tseng, Jennifer Turns, Linda Wagner

Faculty Absent: Shana Hirsch, Charlotte Lee, Nadya Peek, David Ribes, Mark Zachry

Others present: Melissa Ewing, Maya Frame, Stacia Green, Katia Jossa-Jouable, Alan Lee, Alex Llapitan, Meghan Oxley, Summer Dela Cruz Parkes, Leah Pistorius, Kathleen Rascon, Jane Skau, Dion Tzortzis, Crystal Welliver

Guest: Izzy Zucker, Conduit Consulting

Reminders/Announcements (5 minutes)

- Save the date: Please hold on your calendar!
 - 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
 - PhD ceremony, June 12, 12:30-3pm, TBD
- Updates on projects, grants, classes, research

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Updates - Standing Committees & Chairs

Topic	Notes
Approval of 4/01/2026 minutes	-Motion to approve 4/01/2026 faculty meeting minutes by Daniela, seconded by Tyler. Motion approved. 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
Infrastructure Committee	-Updated student laptop specs -Looking at installing a privacy booth in Sieg
BSPC Update	-Reminder autumn registration starts next week—if you get questions from students, please refer to advisor -ABET update
MS Program Update	-MS admissions 220 offers sent, 159 on wait list. May 1 deadline for response. 102 accepted so far. -

PhD Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New Annual Review guidelines for assigning academic status will be shared in email -Reminder to read all materials prior to attending the meeting Attend in person if possible for discussion and quick transitions -If you have a graduating student this year, plan to attend the PhD recognition ceremony after the HCDE graduation, a calendar invite is coming.
Administrative updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Orders via Workday will be delivered to a centralized location -HCDE-IT will be rolled into CoE IT
Chair Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Research security training is a yearly requirement -SECURE has put together a 1 hour training -If you have federal awards, the training needs to stay current -Accessibility updates: extended for a year but please work to be in compliance as best you can -Please make sure to get buy-outs approved with grants manager first -Call for proposals for CoE program fees

New Business

Topic	Desired Outcome
Student Graduation Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please review nominations for BS, MS and PhD awards of excellence -Will vote at 5/27/2026 faculty meeting
PhD program, reopen accepting applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discussion to reopen PhD applications -Vote link sent. <i>Motion to reopen approved. 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain</i>
Computing and Data Science Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discussion on Computing and Data Science Task Force -Meeting next week with dept chairs. Please give input to Julie, Sean -Identify and assess alteration to the current model and alternative organizational structures that could better support UW's ambitions in computing, data science, and AI. -Draw from models both within computing and data science and from other domains, including but not limited to independent units, cross-University institutes/centers, and combinations thereof. -Identify benefits and costs of these models for UW, including their implications for existing units, faculty, students, and the broader UW mission. -Provide recommendations on how to adapt or adopt structural elements that would maximize UW's ability to lead in this domain while aligning with our institutional culture and goals.
Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction and discussion of draft plan

Motion to adjourn by Beth, seconded by Tyler. Motion approved.