



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Faculty Meeting

11 April 2025
12:00 – 1:30pm

Gowen Hall, Room 1A

MINUTES

Attendance (Voting Faculty)

+	Christopher Adolph	+	Gabriella Levy	+	Noga Rotem
+	Caitlin Ainsley	+	James Long (Assoc. Chair)		Mark Smith (Sabbatical)
	Asli Cansunar	+	George Lovell		Rebecca Thorpe (Sabbatical)
+	Rachel Cichowski (Chair)	+	Jamie Mayerfeld	+	Jack Turner
+	Megan Ming Francis	+	Victor Menaldo		Geoffrey Wallace
+	Anthony Gill	+	Margaret Perez Brower		Sophia Wallace
	James Dongjin Kim		Aseem Prakash		Susan Whiting (Sabbatical)
	Scott Lemieux			+	John Wilkerson

Present: Ed Connery (Administrator)

Call To Order: **12:00 PM**

- I. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - a. 14 March 2025 **APPROVED** (Unanimous)
- II. Announcements and Reminders
 - a. Reminders about upcoming keynote speakers and public lectures.
 - b. Future Larger Event: Potential college-wide activities for Constitutional Day
- III. Updates and Action Items
 - a. Update on Graduate Admissions: Admission recruiting has been highly successful. Nearing the end of the cycle. We should see final numbers by the next faculty meeting.
 - b. Discussion: Grading Scales & Practices within the department

- i. The University does not provide or mandate a uniform grading scale. Instructors are independently responsible for setting grade scales and assigning grades in their class.
 - ii. Reminder to all instructors that transparency and communication (e.g., clear grading information in syllabus and on Canvas at the start of the quarter) are important.
- c. Updates from UW and CAS:
 - i. Fiscal & Budgetary Contingencies
 - ii. International Students & Scholars
- d. Future Topics: Instructional Assignments and Loads

Adjourn: **12:57 PM**