

Teaching and Learning Council

Minutes for November 1, 2017

Present: Helene Anthony, Michelle Bunagan, Brenda Leake, Amy Moyer (by phone), John Oliver (chair), AJ Richards, Louis Ferrara, Zachary Mulhern

Excused: Judi Cook, Anne Marie Martea

1. Unanimous approval of meeting minutes for 10/18/17 – thank you, Michelle.
2. Announcements from Chair
 - a. KT Elliott, who was the chair of the Advising Council, will give us a briefing on that committee at our next meeting. John will send out the last report they produced.
 - b. Since Judi could not attend today we will return to the Steering Charge on Blended/Online courses at the meeting. Please review the Google doc.
3. Update from the Director of CETL, Brenda Leake
 - a. New Faculty Cohort: First Fridays Series is going strong. Matt H will present at the next meeting on managing time, so participants will be bringing their laptops and getting started on creating their weekly schedule.
 - b. Learning Communities
 - i. Opportunity Gap.
 - October 25th Data Summit was very positively received by the campus community! Amy sent out a survey and by Monday they had gotten 40 responses. She will share that with TLC at a later date. There was a link to a Google form on the survey about continued participation on this topic; so far there are 13 people expressing interest, and 11 people for the LC. More people will likely complete that as the week goes on. Still working on a website for this project. There is a video of the initial panel that discussed TCNJ data and the keynote speaker. The video only includes the presenters' faces not their powerpoint slides. Brenda suggested that we not put it on the website but think of ways to share it on a selected basis.
 - There was an Advisory Council meeting for the grant this morning, and Amy felt they got great ideas for how to proceed to help faculty understand the gap and what to do. They would like to get data out to the campus community at the School level – for example, course failure rates, etc. Using the simulation that was created for the summit might be helpful. The Council talked about the overlap with mentoring and mid-semester feedback, and recommended that the LCs meet together. The group will be working on a written report for the grant.
 - Amy and Donald will be presenting at an interdisciplinary conference on race at Monmouth University November 11.
 - ii. Student Feedback

- On the Feb 2 meeting, Helene A (and possibly Anne P) will briefly inform new faculty about the mid-term student feedback process and encourage them to participate.
- iii. Ensuring Life-Secure Community
- This proposed LC is intended to support students with basic life needs. Brenda will send out a call electronically to see if people are interested in participating.
- c. Collegial Connections Corps (C³): Brenda is preparing for the C³ launch event Friday 11/10. Nearly all 24 mentors and 14 mentees are able to attend. The speaker, Dr. Lynn Shollen, will be identifying key characteristics of effective mentoring partnerships, and this will help participants make mentor-mentee selections. Brenda mentioned that Green Hall is very supportive of this effort.
- d. Good Reads Initiative: After discussion, it was agreed that while *Undoing Project* is a great book, *Courage to Teach* aligns better with the mission of the Center, and the committee unanimously supported its selection as this year's Good Reads. Brenda will order the books so that they can be distributed to faculty before the end of the semester.

Respectfully submitted by Helene Anthony