

Teaching and Learning Council
Minutes for September 20, 2017

Present: Helene Anthony (minutes), Michelle Bunagan, Judi Cook, Louis Ferrara, Brenda Leake, Anne Marie Maratea, Amy Moyer, Zachary Mulhern, John Oliver, AJ Richards

1. Minutes for May 3, 2017 were approved.
2. John Oliver volunteered to be Chair and was unanimously approved!
3. Announcements from the exiting Chair - Amy
 - The committee has to submit a report to Steering on our work on the process for blended and online courses. Judi quickly reviewed what was done in the spring to collect data and pull together existing data. It was decided that Amy would divide up the work and send out smaller tasks to individual committee members.
4. Report from Instructional Design - Judi
 - Three faculty fellows have started as advisors to the Office of Instructional Design. They are John Kuiphoff, Lynn Braender and Jill Bush.
 - Judi will continue with Lunch 'n Learn offerings. On October 25th there will be a discussion of the use of web conferencing, a tool inside Canvas that allows you to online conference with students, and it has a polling feature in the program. A later Lunch 'n Learn will be held at a Maker Space in the IMM Building.
 - The announcement for Blended and Online training will go out next week. Close to 70 faculty have been through the training at this point.
 - Judi would like the annual workshop in May to connect to the Achievement Gap and Student Success themes from last year.
 - Judi has been working with Ruth Palmer and they have a paper in press on faculty development.
 - A user group will be formed to explore the use of the Perusall program, which will allow people to asynchronously collaborate in annotating readings.
 - Approval has been given for a pilot of Kaltura, which will be integrated into Canvas, that allow the user to create video content with embedded quizzes, etc.
5. Report from Director of the Center of Excellence in Teaching & Learning – Brenda
 - The new office space in 241 Forcina Hall is now set up.
 - Brenda was pleased that President Gitenstein mentioned the work of CETL in her opening remarks this year.
 - There was a three-day Orientation for new faculty in August that went very well. First Fridays for that group have been set up, and they include some new topics, like Sustained Dialogue on October 6th. Brenda would like to invite faculty from the 2016 group to some events if space allows.

- Learning Communities
 - The Mentoring Learning Community has submitted their report and a Qualtrics survey will be going out to the set up a campus-wide, systematic approach to mentoring.
 - Kim Pearson and Atsuko Seto are looking into forming a Learning Community focused on vulnerable students, a topic that came up toward the end of last year on the faculty listserv.
 - Amy updated the committee on the work of the Achievement Gap/Opportunity Gap Learning Community and the use of the funding from the Strategy Initiative grant. The Data Summit is set for October 25th in Mayo Concert Hall. A notice will go out to the whole campus, and Amy has invited select groups/classes of students who may have a particular interest in the topic. Amy will also be involved in two conference presentations from this work (one in Monmouth and one in Las Vegas). The group has also re-submitted an Intellectual Community proposal for a teach-in during the spring semester.
 - Helene shared that the Student Feedback Learning Community is meeting the first week in October to proceed with some mid-term feedback training from Kit Murphy. Members of the committee will go into each other's classrooms soon after fall break. Cathy Leibars is a member of the LC and also Chair of the Task Force on Student Feedback set up through the Senate, so each group will be aware of what the other is doing.
- Good Reads
 - Brenda would like to have the book ready for distribution prior to winter break, as that worked out well last year. Committee members decided that we should revisit titles that were suggested but not selected last time.

Minutes submitted by Helene Anthony

Next meeting: October 4, 2017