

Teaching and Learning Council
October 7, 2020

MINUTES

Members present: Judi Cook, Maria Domingo, Jody Eberly (co-chair), Brenda Leake, Anne Marie Maratea, Erika Mohebbi, David Murray, Rachel Snider(co-chair), Elizabeth Sims-Pottle, Hailey Weinstein

1. Update from the Director of Instructional Design (Judi Cook)
 - The Office of Instructional Design in November will be hosting 5 faculty to pilot the flex option and they will recruit students to pilot with them so that we are able to work out kinks and problems in the event that we move to this modality in the Spring.
 - Offering a workshop next week to faculty and staff to host guest speakers via Zoom.
 - There are still some challenges with online learning but all in all we were very successful with our quick pivot to online learning.
2. Update from the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (Brenda Leake):
 - Dr. Leake is now a part of the Culturally Responsive Teaching Working Group - not sure what the charge of the committee is yet.
 - Dr. Leake has had 2 meetings with Vice Provost Tim Clydesdale and Jeff Osborn and they have pledged commitment to support the center.
 - Dr. Leake also mentioned that she may have funding to hire a student worker to develop the website - which has been a goal for the center for a long time.
 - First Fridays of the new faculty cohort have been proceeding via a virtual format - about half of the cohort have participated. She has also done a quick poll of the members of topics they would like to see covered this year. One of the prominent items is they would like to have a session with Judi Cook on Canvas.
 - Dr. Leake then led the discussion on the Good Reads book choice for this year.