

11/16/2022 MRIC meeting minutes 1:30pm-2:53pm

In attendance: Eva Detroia, Sophia Scholz, Tracy Kress, Salika Lawrence, Sylvia Twersky, John Leonard, Jinsil Kim, Dixita Malatesta

Excused: Matthew Mizuhara, Suzanne McCotter

1. Approved October meeting minutes without changes
2. Update on MUSE networking Event (Tracy)
 - a. 70 students and 4 faculty
 - b. 76% of respondents thought it helped them understand logistics and about the same for goals; 52% said increased comfort level
 - c. Students loved zoom format and want more faculty participants and more faculty who are not STEM
 - d. Report that it helped make connections between students and faculty
 - e. Suggestions to reach out to previous years MUSE recipients to recruit and mentor additional faculty (especially in non-stem); reach out to chairs; potentially put out numbers of applicants from each school per year
3. MUSE and COSA updates (Tracy and John)
 - a. MUSE Stipend raised to \$3700
 - b. Told no need based additional funds
 - c. Working on justifying need for transportation to grocery store (including other programs on campus in summer)
 - d. Suggesting MUSE be transcribed; getting feedback from faculty who participated in the program
 - e. Key note speaker for COSA- Izzy Destephano (works at field museum in Chicago on DEI work in STEM)
4. Transcribing MUSE (John)
 - a. Pilot program that transfer students apply to be part of MUSE program as they come in over summer (Mercer County Community College); 2 students.
 - b. Suggestions to first fund applications and then offer a slate for transfer students to apply to
 - c. Feedback on application for transfer students forthcoming
5. Set up Muse Review Dates and procedures for Spring semester (faculty only)
 - a. Feb 1st-check-in and norming group (zoom). February 15th, March 1, March 8th and 10th (12-2)
6. NJ Manufacturing awards Review (faculty only)
 - a. Discussion and average scoring of applications