

Faculty Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021

In attendance: Camilla Ambivero, Sue Bauer, Michele Bozarth, Bruce Caulkins, Jason Chesnut, Will Dorner, Patty Farless, Linda Futch, Christine Hanlon, Stephen Heglund, Ethan Hill, Larry Jaffe, Anna Jones, Denise Kay, Hank Lewis, Eric Main, Don Merritt, Ann Miller, Jennifer Morin, Adele Richardson, Danny Seigler, Michael Strawser, Jacqueline Towson, Lisa Wayte

- I. Welcome and introductions
Denise called the meeting to order at 4:03 and welcomed everyone to the spring meeting.
- II. Approve Minutes
Minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting were approved by Jason Chesnut and seconded by Jennifer Morin with full approval of the board.
- III. Faculty Center Staffing Updates
Ann informed everyone that the Faculty Center is losing another staff member. Today is Michele's last day with FCTL. We are requesting funding for a full-time director now and then for two additional positions for the fall.
- IV. Report on recent programming topics and attendance
Will presented several slides showing the attendance for all FCTL events since the fall. Slides included more than one day long events – such as CIP's, book clubs, writing clubs, Knighted Faculty Cohort and Winter conference. He shared that winter conference was a fully virtual event with 35 participants. Also, Teaching & Learning days, which are still consistent and Technology Tuesdays. Ann explained that we are considering discontinuing Technology Tuesdays going forward due to decreasing numbers possibly due to faculty becoming more comfortable with the technology they are using. Finally, Will showed upcoming programming for the summer which included: KCF (16), Summer conference (100-120) & other events (TBD). Denise asked about the number of faculty served. Eric shared that it is about 500 unique and 1400 overall individuals.
- V. Questions for member discussion
Denise reviewed the purpose of the advisory board meeting and feels that the purpose of these meetings is more about brainstorming.
 - a. What are advisory board members hearing about current faculty concerns surrounding teaching and learning?
 - Straddling modalities
 - Face to face verses online
 - Challenges in clinical rotations
 - Faculty are not sure what they are going to be asked to do in regard to how they will teach

- Faculty's divided attention
 - Uncertainty in all areas
 - Students leveraging the situation
 - Student anxiety/expectations
 - How teaching in different modalities will affect evaluation
- b. Speaking idealistically, what should an internal faculty development conference provide? Should we continue, for example, to focus on course and program development projects in Summer Conference?

Eric gave a brief description of this year's Summer conference thought, "What is the evolution critical thinking and deep learning in the classrooms?"

- Deeper learning & Critical thinking
 - Best practices
 - Reflection on the year
 - Recharging & Reenergizing while sharing lessons learned
 - Prep for going forward
 - Developing skills to cope
- c. What is the most appropriate role for the Advisory Board to play in Faculty Center operations, given the Senate mandate to: "make recommendations about professional development and instructional research activities that will enhance teaching and learning excellence and improvement assessment and evaluation in all learning environments"?

Possibly have discussion on:

- Assessment practice changes
- Different proctoring programs

- VI. Update on excellence awards
Eric thanked everyone for all their hard work. This year was very competitive. He stated that Amada Groff won both awards.
- VII. Member reports
There are no member reports.
- VIII. Announcements/reminders
Anna announced that they will be hosting a track for Summer conference to include high impact course designation and global learning.
Denise provided an article titled "optimizing the technological design of a blended synchronous learning environment" that she thought everyone might be interested in.
- IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.