Faculty Council Committee Report

Month: October Year: 2023

COMMITTEE: Dual Credit Task Force

SUBMITTED BY: Hamilton, Matthew

Last Meeting Date: (List date of last physical meeting or the dates of e-discussions)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Active Members: (List all members who attended meeting/or contributed to work listed in this report in order of last name, i.e., John Adams, Mary Barr, Fred Cox, etc.)

Matthew K. Hamilton (Chair), Austin O'Reilly, Benedict Nguyen-Lee, Bryan Beck, Chris Dubois, Karen Williams, Katie A. Johnson, Laura Clark, Melissa Bird, Therese Ogle

Summary of Discussions/Activities: (List the current items your committee is addressing, status update on those items, action items completed, any subcommittee work, person(s) responsible for each action item, etc.)

The task force initially met on September 29th, 2023, to outline the group's mandate and focus. The task force was asked to think about some "ground-level" issues and concerns rather than seeking wholescale institutional changes. It was dtermined that the focus of the task force would be to take on issues and find solutions that would on make the dual credit program at Collin College a better experience for the faculty who teach it. Over the course of the past month, the chair has collected these reccomendations via email and will be meeting with the task force next month to compile a comprehesive list of action items to be submitted to the Faculty Council at that time.

Summary of Action Items: (List action items current underway)

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, the task force was given an action item by Faculty Council President Kimberly Harris to create a survey to be sent to all faculty, full-time and adjunct. The task force was instructed to craft questions designed to solicit from faculty their experiences with dual credit (both positive and negative), identity issues pertaining to contact hours, textbooks, curriculum, scheduling, scholastic dishonesty, academic freedom, etc.

An initial survey was constructed by Matthew K. Hamilton and Melissa Bird and then expanded with the inclusion of additional questions suggested by the remainder of the task force, which met on October 11th, 2023.

Over the course of the next week, the survey was further edited and expanded with the input of the executive committee. Currently, the survey is being reviewed by Kimberly Harris with its dissemination projected to be in the next week. Results of the survey will be analyzed by the task force upon its completion and reported to the Faculty Council at that time.

Date of Next Meeting: TBD Confirmed? (Y/N): N