

Faculty Council Committee Report

Month: February Year: 2024

COMMITTEE: Teaching And Learning

SUBMITTED BY: Richards, Serena

Last Meeting Date: (List date of last physical meeting or the dates of e-discussions)
Monday, February 12, 2024

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.)
Smitri Anand, Will Brannon, Gezahegn Chaka, Christopher Redgraves, Serena Richards, Linda Sears, Kevin Suber, Allison Venuto

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.)

First topic was to discuss sending out monthly tips in conjunction with the Faculty Council newsletter. We voted to submit top ten ideas/ blurbs on pedagogy, stress management, etc. to Faculty Council to cut down on emails to faculty as well as to amplify events. We discussed the remainder of the semester's FC meetings. We will be hosting a round robin February 16 (pending approval from R. Orr) prior to Faculty Council meeting over best practices in hybrid models (i.e. how to lecture briefly, engage class in events/ activities). We would like to present from 12:30-1:00. March's lunch and learn will consist of a presentation on mindset or mental health. S. Richards to reach out to Latasha Sherman to coordinate with Counseling to present. April will present on stress management. Summer salons to be reintroduced with a bit of a change. We would like to send out a call for proposals/ presentations to allow faculty to spotlight their research. We discussed meeting face to face for the summer, but agreed hosting Zoom meetings (perhaps in the evening) to allow greater participation. This provides faculty the opportunity to share their research, participate in professional development opportunities, as well as service to the college. Will and Linda will write up a blurb from this Friday's presentation to submit to the Faculty Council newsletter. Allison Venuto attended the session and informed the committee of several events that Counseling will be hosting in the upcoming month. She emailed that information to S. Richards and I will be forwarding that to the committee and ensure that the information has been shared with faculty.

Calendar of events: March: Mindset or Mental Health; April: Stress management; May: Will wrap up and present on mental health or mindset (depending on which topic we have not addressed).

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

S. Richards to reach out to R. Orr about presenting February 16. S. Richards to reach out to Latasha Sherman to ask her to coordinate and collaborate with T&L in presentation about Mental Health. L. Sears and W. Brannon to craft first submission to Faculty Council newsletter.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, March 01, 2024

Confirmed? (Y/N): N