**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**September 21, 2022 – 12:00-1:20 – EDU-212 (with Zoom simulcast)**

**In attendance:** Ahlawat, Baker, Bender, Bennett, Borders, Bush, Bwire, Capece, Cho, Dahling, Dell’Angelo, Ekanger, Kim, Kim-Bossard, Hagedorn, Hunter, Lasher, Li, Lopes-Murphy, McBride, McMann, Meixner, O’Grady, Patterson, Ryan, Salgian, Sen, Sewell, Shahid, Twersky, Warner-Ault, Wei, Zrada.

**Absent:** Altmiller, Brown-Glaude, Davis, Haynes, Neves, O’Connor, Ortiz-Vilarelle, Pearlstein, Samanta.

**Visit by Judi Cook and Amy Cuhel-Shuckers**

* Amy Cuhel-Shuckers, the new Director of Grants and Sponsored Research, introduced herself.
* Her team brought in 36 new awards last year.
* She discussed grant and fellowship seeking, as well as future plans and hires for her team.
* Please contact her office with questions.
* Judi Cook is now the Executive Director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning.
* She introduced her team.
* Discussed CETL initiatives.
	+ Faculty Foundations
	+ Good Reads
	+ Excellence in Teaching & Learning Summit
	+ Learning communities
	+ SOTL Fellows
	+ Mini-grants
	+ Blended & online course development program
	+ Expanded support
* Workshops will be offered in a number of areas based on what faculty tell them they’d like to see.
* On 10/19, there will be a roundtable discussion on online learning.
* Fall Break Camp on 10/11 about absent students. There will also be a technical playground.
* They will also be working on new initiatives in virtual learning and having an In Space pilot.
* Questions.

**New Awards**

* Matt reviewed the new awards that were approved in the spring semester.
* The new website is live.
* Deadline is November 1 for all of the new awards; Dahne award deadlines will be per the old calendar.
* The new awards will be given out on February 16th.
* The committee will ask nominees for their CVs.
* Abby O’Connor is the chair of the committee.

**Announcement of 2022-23 Faculty Senate Committees**

* Matt sent out sign-ups for the following committees:
	+ Senate Awards Committee (need 9 senators and 1 non-voting member from Academic Affairs)
	+ Senate Collegiality Committee

**Campus DEI Initiatives – James Felton, Vice-President of Inclusive Excellence, Shaun Wiley, HSS, Benny Chan, SoS**

* James Felton gave an overview of DEI units and their initiatives.
	+ Accessibility Resources
	+ Equal Employment Opportunity Program
	+ Institutional Equity & Intercultural Affairs
* They are located on the 2nd floor of Roscoe West.
* Upcoming events can be found on their website.
* They will be doing a policy review over the next 5 years to make sure the college policies are inclusive.
* Questions.
* Shaun Wiley gave an overview of the HSS Anti-Racism Committee.
* They are working on a list of learning goals for students in the major.
* Subcommittees have worked on documents for implementing anti-racist best practices.
* Questions.
* Benny Chan discussed the School of Science initiative.
* The idea is to get large groups of faculty to change how they approach teaching:
	+ Through increased empathy and understanding of our students.
	+ By using a changed toolkit of acceptable pedagogy and by treating teaching like our research.
	+ Using common language, values, and understanding of our responsibility.
* He discussed ways to change course structure to improve student outcomes.

**September Committee Appointments**

* Matt reviewed the list of September committee appointments.
* Approved unanimously.
* Here are the appointments:
	+ Steering Committee (2-year term):        Cathy Liebars
	+ Committee on Academic Programs:        Dave Mazeika
	+ Liberal Learning Council (2-year term):    alma khasawnih
	+ Community Engaged Learning Council:    Shamaine Bertrand
	+ Open Educational Resources Council:    Uddpan Das

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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