

FTLCAC Meeting Minutes

Time: April 21, 2014 from 12pm-2pm

Location: 302E DeVos

Present: Kyle Felker, Christine Rener, Patty Stow Bolea, Mike Roskamp, Matthew Roberts, Janel Pettes-Guikema, Bruce Bettinghaus, Barbara Hooper, Janet Vigna, Jacob Schacht

1. Agenda

Motion to move forward chair election in concern for time, motion approved

Revised Agenda approved

2. March Meeting Minutes

Motion to add Mike Roskamp's last name to the attendance, motion approved

Revised minutes approved

3. FTLC Update

Christine informed the body of the upcoming Big Data conference on Friday all morning in Kirkhof. The relevance and use of Big Data is the topic.

Christine briefed the body on the filled registration of many faculty retreats and summer programming. Some upcoming events and topics include: Personal portfolio workshop, week long retreats in June, Teaching like a Tree, Women's Leadership, second retreat on contemplative pedagogy, and the Nature Center. FTLC members will also be attending the Evergreen Institute. Increasing learning communities is the topic, specifically, how can a university expand and improve itself in regards to learning communities. Ways to involve faculty outside the classroom will also be discussed.

Lastly, the FTLC is planning events for the fall teaching conference. In celebration of the FTLC's 20th year, the event will be larger than usual. Topics under consideration are ways to broadly engage students in deep learning. Additionally, the FTLC is getting ready for new faculty.

4. New Business

A meeting survey to establish meeting times for next year will come around. Kyle look at the vote. The body expressed the need for the dates and times to be set and sent to every college. This way colleges can ensure the time works for their representative, and they can avoid making changes.

The election for next year's chair is set for after the first meeting's call. Kyle will check with Karen to explore the possibility of an email election.

5. Old Business

Kyle shared news of the new teaching evaluation task force's plan to start over in the search for a universal teaching evaluation system. He updated the body on the organization of the task force into a communication task force, a validity committee, and an implementation committee. These three groups will determine plans such as how to cover myths surrounding student evaluations, valid instruments in evaluation systems, and what will be involved in the implementation.

Motion to pass the FTLCAC memo to USETI, motion approved
The memo to USETI passes unanimously

The Teaching Awards Task Force reported to the body. The task force did not change the award timeline because of needed FTLCAC approval. Check with Patty on the task force's ideas. Patty also announced her efforts on reviewing the suggestions for award packets. The focus is on providing an example of a good award packet while also encouraging nominees to address the their packets. The plan is to finish this work over the summer and have something on the agenda in the fall.

Kyle will be attending the UAS to give a 5-minute update about what the body did this past year. Committee charges for next year will be constructed over the summer. These will be approved in the fall.

Kyle asked the body for any ideas for charges. One mentioned was a change for the technology grant applications. Concerns for projects turning into things that don't resemble the grant's intentions are arising. Updates on the teaching awards criteria updates were requested as well. Both Kyle and Christine encouraged members of the body to suggest ideas for the committee next year. Ideas can be emailed to Kyle.