

TLA Committee Meeting
September 8, 2015, 3 pm-4 pm
Hetzl-Hoellein Special Collections

Present: Colleen Packer, Rachel Cox, Tim Herzog, Ryan Thomas, Pam Payne, Joan Hubbard, Tim Border, Gail Niklason, Jeremy Suiter, Kacey Peckenpaugh, Art Carpenter, Nadia Wrosch, Shelby Belflower, Toni Asay, Barrett Bonella, Doris Gedes-Stevenson, Janice Thomas
Excused: Andrea Jensen

- 1) Welcome and Intros
- 2) Approval of Minutes from April 22
 - a. Motion to approve-Art Carpenter
 - b. Motion seconded-Pam Payne
 - c. Minutes approved by committee
- 3) Old Business for information
 - a. Summer Learning Series
 - i. Held weekly through the first block of summer semester
 - ii. 36 participants (7-13 at each sessions, average attendance 9.6)
 - b. Badging System
 - i. Summer Learning Series
 - ii. New faculty retreat
 1. 14 participation badges
 2. 17 attendance badges
 - c. New Faculty Retreat
 - i. Discussion of future contracts
 - ii. Screen, staging, and WiFi not good in Bernese at Zermatt
 - iii. Send summary of each place to committee for a vote for 2017
 1. Homestead- Better socializing spaces
 2. Park City - Prospector
 3. The Canyons
 - iv. 2016 contract with Zermatt
- 4) New Business
 - a. Executive Committee Charges for 2015-2016 (PPM 1-13, Article 4.11: Committee on Teaching and Learning) discussion
 - i. #1 (Reconsider the impact and structure of all TLF sponsored events and decide on the format of future events with the goal of increasing impact and focus.) Is what we're doing working? If not, what can we do to fix it?
 1. Future needs assessment - committee members take it to their colleges
 2. Use B.B. workshop to facilitate discussions of evaluations with faculty

3. Year-long theme or focus groups? Several throughout the semester
 - ii. #2 focus on scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) - MOTC/Blended learning model publishable research at the end
 - iii.#5: Evaluations - intended to improve teaching
 1. Chi-tester going through major changes
 - a. Currently difficult to use evaluations for improvement
 2. What can this committee do to help departments evaluate/assess teaching of instructors?
 3. Assessment of what different departments are doing, flush out concerns
 4. Mind - map pre-assessment and post-assessment of what students have learned
 - b. Pathways Series - New Faculty workshop series (tenure track)
 - c. Teaching and Learning Scholars Initiative
 - i. Ann Darling U of U
 - ii. Jennifer Claesgens - Center for science and math education
 - iii.Louise Moulding
 - iv. Help interested faculty craft research questions
 - d. Adjunct Faculty Retreat Oct. 24
 - i. Subcommittee: Tim Border, Toni Asay, Gail Niklason, Jeremy Suiter, Shelly Belflower, Ryan Thomas, Tim Herzog
 - e. Discussion of future TED talks
 - i. Feedback from past TED talk: Amazing, lots of work, showcase a lot of talent
 - ii. Look at 2017, start planning in spring 2016
 - f. Discussion of Future Faculty Symposium
 - i. In the past held in the spring to highlight faculty research
 - ii. Innovative teaching grant recipients, blended learning/ MOTC participants?
- 5) Other Business
- a. Tim Herzog - possibility of instructors supporting each other, spending time in other people's classes, develop a cohort to go to people's classes (alternative to course evaluation)
 - i. *Building a Better Teacher* Book
- 6) Next Meeting Oct. 13 3 PM in Hetzel-Hollein
- a. Motion to adjourn-Tim Herzog
 - b. Motion seconded- Pam Payne
 - c. Meeting adjourned 4 pm