

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE
Vice Provost Laurie J. Kirsch, Chair
April 18, 2017

Minutes

Present: L. Kirsch (Chair), A. Duggan, B. Falcione, C. Golden, J. O'Donnell, C. Perfetti, L. Roberts, A. Seybert, T. Seybolt

Welcome and Introductions

Laurie Kirsch welcomed the committee and council members introduced themselves.

Laurie thanked the following council members who will have completed their service on ACIE at the end of this academic year: Cynthia Lance-Jones (School of Medicine), Steven Little (Swanson School of Engineering), Gordon Mitchell (Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences), Laurel Roberts (Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences), and Sunil Saxena (Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences).

Approval of January 26, 2017 Minutes

Laurie asked for a motion from council members to approve the January 26, 2017, meeting minutes. The motion was offered, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on the ACIE website.

Student Opinion of Teaching Surveys and Assessment of Teaching

Cynthia Golden presented a PowerPoint on the Student Opinion of Teaching Surveys and Assessment of Teaching by providing a status update on student surveys and gave an overview of assessment strategies and support from the University Center for Teaching and Learning. This information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation that has been attached to the minutes. Council members noted that it would be helpful to get the word out about the variety of assessment strategies and raise awareness across the University. Cynthia said that the Teaching Center is working on this.

Overview of 2017 Provost's Diversity Institute for Faculty Development

Cynthia provided an overview of the 2017 Provost's Diversity Institute for Faculty Development. She noted that ACIE members have played a key role in providing feedback on good programming for the Institute and that their feedback has been incorporating into planning. Cynthia said that this is the third year for the Provost's Diversity Institute, which contains many different events that run in May and June. The Institute will include another component, the Extended Diversity Experience, which is a deeper dive into diversity which extends into the academic year. Cynthia noted that this year's Institute will be comprised of three half-day sessions, a session on intergroup dialogue, an "Understanding Our Students" series, and more. Some of the sessions will include student panels, and will allow for Q&A and open dialogue.

Cynthia said that attendance for the Institute has been growing, both in overall numbers and in the number of unique faculty attending. Cynthia also noted that a MOOC in Coursera will launch on April 24, titled “Gender and Sexuality: Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace.”

Cynthia asked council members for any suggestions or input that they have for the Provost’s Diversity Institute. Members suggested ensuring that there are mechanisms in place to keep the cohort in engaged. Council members also suggested that there should be a way to document faculty members’ attendance at these events, so that they can incorporate in their annual activity reports, preferably around April.

Update on New Teaching Center Initiatives

Cynthia made a presentation to the Council to provide an update on new Teaching Center initiatives. Cynthia noted that the Teaching Center has convened a small advisory group to explore developing a Center for Communication, what to do with the Center, and how to move forward. Other new initiatives include a program for faculty credentials in pedagogy, which currently has around 125 faculty enrolled; faculty learning communities, which include a cohort for new faculty and one for large enrollment courses; and the Learning Management System (LMS) Assessment, which is a formal examination of what the University’s needs are with respect to its current LMS, Blackboard. The Teaching Center is also exploring a new Center for Mentoring. Additional details on the new Teaching Center initiatives are in the attached PowerPoint.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.