

COE FACULTY ASSEMBLY STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes

April 3, 2020

10-12 PM

Zoom Teleconference

Future FA dates: April 10 2020

Attendance: Mountford, Tessel, Miller, Frain, Scott, Dernikos, Ramirez, Catto, Emelianchik-Key, Lieberman

Announcements:

The future president will decide how faculty/departments are reporting accomplishments next year. All accomplishments should still be sent to Josephine.

Dr. Mountford will announce all the people who got promotion and tenure to congratulate them.

A few faculty members expressed an issue with students revealing to them that they were ill/had been diagnosed with COVID-19 but were afraid to reveal this to the university. It was mentioned that there is a link on the FAU website that says 'COVID 19 info' and they can access help there for students.

The university is trying to reach out to all students and wants to retain all of its students. It was mentioned that the university wants people to divulge if they are sick, but according to HIPAA, they are not required to do so by law.

Old Business:

The minutes from the 1/10/20 steering committee meeting were approved.

Guest speakers:

Michelle Hawkins was brought up as a possible speaker. Michelle Vaughn was also mentioned due to her expertise in online teaching. It was decided that given the expected large turn out, Michelle Vaughn would be a better choice to allow people to ask questions and hear her perspective. The Dean will also have a question and answer session.

Continuing business:

Elections – the ballot has been sent out. Steve Diaz will give us the results when voting is over on April 9th.

UFF-FAU – the union will soon begin Impact Bargaining. They are requesting that un-tenured faculty be allowed to freeze their tenure clock during the quarantine. They are also fighting to have faculty evaluations/student evaluations not impact faculty negatively during this time.

New Business:

Transitioning to online learning- it was mentioned that not all the resources that are available are user friendly or useful to professors and E-learning is actually not taking new projects at this time, therefore this resource is not currently available. It was mentioned that maybe the university could reimburse faculty that need to get the paid version of Zoom.

There was a discussion regarding how not all departments give the same amount of credit/assignment time for those chairing dissertation committees.

There was a discussion regarding the fact that FAU faculty was only given 2 days (of spring break) before having to immediately transition to online learning.

Faculty will not know if students choose the p/f option, they will just enter the grade as they always would and the system will give the student a p or f.

For the next FA meeting, we will hold it in Webex or Zoom. It was proposed to have Steve Diaz monitor who comes into the meeting and check off the attendance. We would also need someone to monitor submitted questions.

There was discussion regarding how different chairs are using more criterion-based evaluations while others are using more norm based evaluations. There was a suggestion that departments should discuss defining the 1-5 ranking so that it is more consistent as it is currently not well defined.

Next year's department reps: ESE – Jack Scott, CE: Kelly Emelianchik-Key, CSD: Connie Porcaro, T&L: Bessie Dernikos, OASS: Traci Catto, CCEI: Andres Ramirez.

Dean's talking points:

Budget committee

GRA funding

Transition to online teaching