

Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes
Date: October 24, 2017 12:50pm-1:50pm
Location: ST 107

Quinton Bemiller chaired the meeting.

Present: Dan Reade (Comm); Starlene Justice (Sci & Kin); Jessica Dobson (Comm); Quinton Bemiller (AHWL); Dr. Jody W. Tyler (Sci & Kin); Dr. Margarita Shirinian (Comm); Stephany Kyriakos (SBS); Patty Worsham (BEIT)

Absent: Beverly Wimer (Sci & Kin); Dr. Virgil Lee (Sci & Kin); Dr. Teresa Friedrich Finnern (Sci & Kin); Mitzi Sloniger (Comm)

Visitors: Suzie Witmer (Sci & Kin); Arlene Alvarez (Bookstore); Maria Sanchez (Bookstore)

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve agenda by Starlene Justice; Second by Jody Tyler; Approved unanimously

Motion to approve minutes by Dan Reade; Second by Starlene Justice; Approved unanimously

Abstentions: none

Note: Voting and parliamentary procedure is restricted to only members of the committee.

Positive Pedagogy

- Quinton shared that culturally relevant pedagogy is being talked about quite a bit. Thinking about how the student engages with the work can help that student stay motivated in the class. Quinton would like to see a continued discussion about how to share information and keep a repository for

- Multiple faculty are concerned about over-committing the college to so many initiatives, when basic needs of instructors are not being met, such as technology and facilities.
- Some faculty feel that the various proposed initiatives serve the interests of administrators building their résumés, rather than addressing the needs of teaching and learning.
- Facilities are substandard for some disciplines.
- There are safety concerns for faculty teaching in the WEQ.
- Instructional time is lost to technology issues.
- Some faculty believe decisions are being made by administrators without using shared governance.
- The proposed move of Art and Music to the Business Park (off campus) was seen by faculty in other disciplines as a breakdown of campus community. Some faculty proposed GE classes be offered at the Office Park instead. Some faculty expressed that this idea should have been discussed in ISPC before being investigated by administration. (More transparency).
- Will some faculty be forced to teach at the prison or at high schools?