

Regional Campuses Faculty Advisory Council Agenda

Friday, October 16, 2020

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual via TEAMS

Attendees

Members: Carol Robinson (Chair), Rachel Blasiman, Robin Dever, Ali Erritouni, Donald Gerbig Jr., Bryan Jones, Gregory Smith

Guests: David Dees and Nicole Willey

Minutes taken by Ali Erritouni

! Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously

! Approval of Minutes

Approved with one abstention: Bryan Jones

! Dave Dee's Report

- a. Dave updates the council on the search for the position of the vice president and provost and on the search for the position of the Vice President of Regional Campuses and Dean of the College of Applied and Technical Studies. The candidates for these positions will deliver virtual public presentations in the month of October with final decisions to be made next month
- b. Dave updates the council on the ongoing discussions over the best means for the regional campuses to share resources, such as math and writing tutors. The goal is to provide students with easy access to resources across the regional campuses without compromising the values of local campuses. To this end, assistant deans are developing a schedule that would not “rip the system.”
- c. A major step towards sharing resources effectively has been accomplished: regional campuses have aligned zoom courses across the regional campuses.
- d. Dave informs the council that Kent State University has arranged for students to take free COVID-19 test at CVS.
- e. To create more transparency, the university will the Flashline dashboard to provide regular updates on new cases of COVID-19 across the campuses.
- f. Dave discusses the “mail question.” Given that fewer and fewer pieces of mail are being delivered to the campuses, Kent State will use regular mail rather than the Kent mail delivery service. The goal of this change is to cut costs.
- g. The university has empowered the regional campuses to make their own decisions regarding the post-Thanksgiving opening of buildings.
- h. Finally, Dave informs the council that President Todd Diacon will start making his annual campus visits in Spring, but they will be done virtually.

- i. Dave leaves the meeting at 10:34.

! TAB and PAB

- a. Carol asks the members of RC-FAC to weigh in on the candidates for TAB and PAB from their respective campuses and then to vote to select three representatives to each committee.
- b. Here is the total ballot count for the Provost's TAB and PAB (nominations are in bold):

Tenure Advisory Board (TAB)

Ann Abraham — 5

Haiyan Zhu— 0

Om Ahuja— 0

Reljia Vulcanovic— 1

Lucas Engelhardt— 4

Deepraj Mukherjee— 1

Jayne Moneysmith— 2

Jim Seelye— 0

Noelle Bowles— 2

Denise McEnroe-Petite— 3

Promotion Advisory Board (PAB)

Jay Jahangiri— 0

Velvet Weems-Landigham— 4

Om Ahuja— 0

Santokh S. Tandon— 1

Jayne Moneysmith— 2

Leslie Heaphy— 2

Andrew Burns— 1

Jim Seelye— 1

Hai Dinh— 1

Joseph Altobelli— 2

Noelle Bowles— 3

Nicole Willey— 3

Jean Engohang-Ndong— 0

Lovejoy Das— 0

! Procedural Manual

- a. Carol asks if the current lists of needed committees should be added to the manual or left out of it, and if volunteers should serve for one or two consecutive terms.
- b. The council discusses a question raised by Robin: Is there any movement on policies to include NTT faculty on curriculum committees?
- c. Carol states that NTT should have a voice in the curriculum. But she adds that Dave Dees needs to be consulted on such an issue.
- d. Ryan: "I'd like to call for question." Rachel seconds.
- e. The vote was unanimous in favor of voting on manual.
- f. Carol will use Acrobat to collect our signatures.

! RCFAC Website

- a. Robin informs the council that Judy has agreed to help with RCFAC website
- b. She has already updated the list of officers, and she has agreed to post the monthly agendas and minutes for public record.

! Mini-Conference

- a. Bryan reports on presenters at the August Regional Campuses Mini-Conference.
- b. Robin maintains that we need to continue finding ways to support our newer faculty and adjuncts.
- c. She suggests that we include this question in our professional development at the next mini-conference.
- d. Rachel suggests that we ask I.T. for a list of the top items newer faculty ask I.T. for help with and then use this information to find senior faculty/mentors who could provide such service in lieu of I.T.

! Nicole Willey

- a. Nicole joins the meeting around 11:15.
- b. She informs the council that she is planning a mentoring retreat on March 5, 2021. This retreat will be from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and will take the form of a Blackboard course.
- c. Full program information will be available before the Spring semester.
- d. Robin asks Nicole how we can help our mentors connect with mentees virtually and how mentors can maintain quality peer-review virtually.
- e. Nicole informs the council that she'd like to move away from dyad connections to a different model.
- f. Nicole leaves the meeting at 11:45

! Adjournment

- o Meeting is adjourned at 11:47 a.m.