

RCFAC Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2022

Via Teams

In Attendance: Greg Smith, Noelle Bowles, Tamra Courey, Velvet Landingham, Ali Erritouni, Beth-Allyn Osikiewicz, Rachael Blasiman, and Peggy Shadduck

Meeting brought to order at 10:01 by Greg. After approval of agenda, Noelle motioned for approval of the December RCFAC meeting minutes, seconded by Tamra. Minutes were approved with no opposed and no abstentions.

Peggy Report

KSU's government relations office, headed by Nick Gattozzi, runs an economic impact study every 3-5 years. This study assesses how KSU impacts the surrounding community. Nick's team will be contacting every regional campus for information and interviews with some faculty. Peggy will ask Nick to send a paragraph of info to RCFAC for distribution to help with messaging. Peggy will also see if there's a schedule for interviews (Trumbull campus is first).

New Trumbull Dean Bill Ayres has started and is working with Peggy to get up to speed.

Associate Dean of CATS is continuing to form various committees and has completed vision and mission statements for CATS. Velvet asked about a new Certificate of Organizational Leadership that the College of Business is creating; regional campus faculty were not consulted about this and were unaware of its development. Peggy agreed that regional campus faculty should have been consulted by the College of Business, but wasn't sure if there's a process in place; as CATS is working directly with colleges, regional campus faculty should be included in the conversation. Greg agreed, and added that regional campus faculty aren't always included in department conversations. Peggy will ask the Curriculum Committee about process.

Preview of slides for regional campus faculty meeting on February 25th from 10-noon. After virtual meeting, Peggy plans to visit each campus in person to follow up. Peggy will take questions ahead of time – chairs will ask their faculty for questions, organize questions by topic, and send to Greg, who will combine and send to Peggy by February 18th. Discussion on including staff in virtual meeting – Peggy will think about options. Greg will resend link to Teams meeting for chairs to distribute.

RCFAC Chair Report

NTT simplified reviews are complete and the full reviews are coming up. Ballots are due Feb 22nd and chair letters are due Feb 24th.

Provost advisory council met and reviewed new CDC guidelines: if someone tests positive, they must quarantine for five days and then mask for five days (as long as they remain asymptomatic). Vaccination rates by campus are now available on the Covid Dashboard.

Reminder and clarification that faculty should not assign work that is due during a break (specifically fall break or spring break).

Merit guidelines have gone out; AAUP reminds faculty that all who apply should review files.

Chairs should ask their faculty for any volunteers to serve on the CAC for EHHS (Greg will resend nomination call).

Zoom classroom discussion

Velvet – students seem to dislike the Zoom setup, because it's so much easier to do peer-to-peer teaching using Teams. Greg – RCFAC will discuss this again in future.

Attendance discussion

Noelle – Students increasingly not showing up to class for various reasons. Regional campus faculty member wants to conduct a survey (in conjunction with the CTL) to investigate the importance of being in class regularly. Tamra – this is something chairs should all discuss at faculty meetings so that we can exchange ideas to remedy this problem.

Motion to adjourn by Tamra, seconded by Noelle. Meeting adjourned at 11:33am.