

**Regional Campuses Faculty Advisory Council**  
**Friday, November 20, 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

Minutes taken by D. Gerbig

- Meeting called to order at 10AM
- Approval of Agenda and October Minutes
  - Motion to approve by Ali, seconded by Bryan, approved unanimous.
- Interim VP for Kent State System Integration Report
  - a. Nominations for each from each campus is needed for the Provost Tenure Advisory Board (TAB) and Provost Promotion Advisory Board (PAB). Previous RCFAC meeting three candidates were chosen from a volunteer list from all RC campuses for both committees. At this point Dr. Dees let RCFAC discuss each campus and vote on representatives. RCFAC agreed on procedures to vote for a representative from each campus. Voting proceeded and the Boards are as follows:

**TAB**

Tamra Courey-Ashtabula  
Haiyan Zhu- East Liverpool  
Jay Jahangiri-Geauga  
Santokh Tandon- Salem  
Lucas Engelhardt-Stark  
Carol Robinson-Trumbull  
Denise McEnroe-Petitte- Tuscarawas

**PAB**

Jessica Leveto-Ashtabula  
Qunxing Ding- East Liverpool  
Velvet Landingham-Geauga  
Sarah Smiley- Salem  
Andrew Burns-Stark  
Noelle Bowles-Trumbull  
Nicole Willey- Tuscarawas

- b. Update on Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies position. This will be a combined position going forward. This will be an internal search.
- c. Covid-19 info for Spring 2021. Spring break is moved closer to a “thanksgiving-like” time. Once Spring break happens, the in-person classes will be remote. Plans for the beginning of the Spring term has not changed. But, be prepared to be remote for the beginning of the Spring term if necessary.
- d. Announcement for the Trumbull Dean is coming soon.

- e. Assistant Deans have a draft of a shared “bell” schedule. This will be shared shortly. Some issues with allied health courses and math sections. They are working through some of these issues.
- f. Canvas new LMS. An 18-month rollout is projected. Course should seamlessly slide from Blackboard to Canvas-main course content is lining up. Only issue with the transitions may be with discussion boards. Early adopters are welcome. Contact Kent LMS team if interested.
- g. Enrollment down 16% at regionals/12% Kent main. Keep in mind, students not thinking about registering now. Fall applications have not trended down.
- h. Learning Center coordinators meeting with two groups. One is working on an app for tutoring. Group is looking at strengths/weaknesses with tutoring across the system. Idea is to share tutors across the system. Second group is looking at coordinating support around wellness/well-being. Concerns such as mental health and food insecurity are being studied system wide. Sharing of resources/best practices important. Each campus must be viewed as individual units but tap into all campuses for resources. Mental health summit planned for early January.
- i. Regional Campuses Survey- RC Deans have shared the findings with their respective campuses. Findings show students miss the interaction with faculty. Ways to empower students to create their own working groups through apps or other means important. Discussion ensued.
- j. Dr. Dees mentioned a RCFAC should continue with continuing education opportunities for all campuses. Mid-January Geauga faculty will be having a virtual mentoring retreat. Discussion ensued on those details and the possibilities of inviting other campuses.
- k. Dr. Dees shared a vision of a post-covid committee to explore opportunities for new degrees and better services/new course programs for students and faculty at Regional Campuses.
- l. Dr. Dees encouraged RCFAC to continue dialogue in the roll of the NTT faculty in University committees. Discussion ensued. FC chairs encouraged to bring the topic up at their FC meetings.
- Chairs Report
  - a. Graduate faculty nominations for Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies discussed. Six nominations from Geauga, Stark and Tuscarawas campuses. Three representatives chosen, Bathi Kasturiarachi (Stark), Matt Lehnert (Stark), Molly Wang (Gauga).
  - b. Brief discussion of RCFAC Procedural Manual- adjustments need to me made. Will continue the discussion next meeting.
  - c. Brief discussion of Fall Workshops (RC Mini-Conference)-committee thinks it’s best to wait until February before making any commitments.
  - d. Website for RCFAC has been updated. Look at the website before the next meeting. Recordings from the Fall RC Mini-Conference added to website as well.
- No New or Old Business  
None
- Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn by Bryan, seconded by Ali. Unanimously approved. Meeting is adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

