

## Teaching and Learning Program Council

Minutes for April 19, 2017, recorded by Bryana Bonfanti

**Present:** Helene Anthony, Bryana Bonfanti, David Bwire, Judi Cook, Bill Keep, Donald Leake, Laurel Leonard, Andrew Leynes, Ann Marie Maratea, Leah Mulvey, John Oliver, AJ Richards

**Excused:** Louise Ammentorp, Brenda Leake, Amy Moyer

1. Minutes for 4/5 approved
2. Chair report ( Judi Cook)
  - a. Judi discussed the cuts being made to governance member seats from 17 to 11.
    - i. The 11 seats will include 4 faculty, 1 librarian, 2 staff, 2 students, Judi & Brenda.
    - ii. Judi is to follow up and question if the Dean seat will be a 12<sup>th</sup>?
    - iii. Purpose for change in seats is because of the new governance structure trying to not tax faculty/staff too much.
    - iv. Anne Marie & Bryana noted that at staff senate today they stated that TLPC will be dissolved. Details were not discussed.
  - b. Steering charge-Judi reviewed dean survey and IT Task Force
    - i. Judi noted that report is about compressed courses and not blended courses
    - ii. Judi shared Qualtrics that she plans to send to department chairs. Plans to wait a few weeks until she sends out when individuals are less busy.
    - iii. Focus group update for May 17<sup>th</sup>
      1. Anne Marie reserved room, Judy will order food & large pads of paper
      2. Event will be in conjunction with ITS Workshop. Individuals who sign up can go to workshop and focus group or just focus group.
      3. Helene to create questions for the focus group sessions
      4. Bill questioned the stipend- Judi shared that it will be 1500 for training and 1500 for when the courses runs.
  - c. Update from Director of Instructional Design
    - i. # of people interested in blended courses are growing
    - ii. 2 individuals have agreed to be fellows. They will start in the Fall
    - iii. Speakers/workshop agenda coming soon....
  - d. Update from Director of the Center of Excellence in Teaching & Learning ( Judi to report in Brenda's place)
    - i. First Friday Sessions
      1. May 5th Provost Luncheon and June 3<sup>rd</sup> Exhale & Celebrate
    - ii. Student Feedback Helene
      1. Meeting next Wednesday
      2. AJ agreed to join as a committee member.
    - iii. Good Reads- Brenda will share updates at next TLPC meeting
    - iv. 2017 Spring Seeding
      1. Discussed the time for Brunch on May 8, 2017. TLPC did not come to a decision on time because Helene noted that there is a speaker coming to campus that same day at 11:00 am. The speaker will be a Professor of

Urban Education. Helene will provide Brenda with more details regarding this potential conflict

- v. 2017/2018 CETL Initiatives
  1. Donald discussed supporting individuals who want to attend a conference on the achievement gap. He asked for any suggestions on possible conferences.
  2. Laurel attended a conference this past March titled *Understanding Interventions*. It was only focused on Science, but a very good conference. Included session on mentoring and learning communities. This conference will be held in Baltimore next March.
3. Bill discussed Blended courses further and shared his experience visiting Temple University's School of Business. He shared how their school is offering Fully Online, Blended, and on the group courses and having success with all three types of courses. This started a discussion regarding TCNJ and our use of technology/blended courses and where we want to be in the future.
  - a. Provided an example of a very popular courses titles US History through the Lens of Sports. The instructor was against teaching an online version, but then agreed to trial it. It now has 138 students enrolled in the online course. It is costing the college \$20,000 to offer the course to 138 students.
  - b. Discussed how TCNJ will continue to have more and more students with technology experience coming to the college and what are we doing to provide more blended/online courses?
    - i. We are going in the right direction by offering the focus groups/survey to the chairs, etc. We need to keep moving in this direction
    - ii. Andrew noted that we do not have enough resources and that our definition of blended is not fully defined amongst all departments. Blended vs. using technology
  - c. TCNJ needs to educate faculty on using technology in the classroom effectively.
  - d. What resources would TCNJ need to kick it up a notch in 10 years? Where are we now? Where do we want to be?
  - e. Donald noted the President and Provost are grounded in TCNJ's mission/vision. When do we leave this behind to keep up? We are doing a good job. TCNJ is in a good place, but just keep in mind for future thinking.
  - f. Each school at TCNJ needs to start thinking how can each school be the best it can be to keep TCNJ on top?

Adjourned 2:32

Next meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 in ED 200