

Committee: General Education and Instructional Effectiveness Committee (GEIEC)

Meeting Date: August 27, 2018

Person Presiding: Jeff Popke, Chair of the Faculty and Puri Martinez, 18-19 Elected Chair

Regular Members in Attendance: Rosa Bell, George Bailey, Beth Chaney, Puri Martinez, Debra Kosko, Travis Alford, Maureen Ellis

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: John Collins, Ying Zhou, Becky Jordan, Lida Cope, Jen-Scott Mobley

Others in Attendance: Jeff Popke and Lori Lee

Actions of Meeting:

Jeff Popke, Chair of the Faculty, opened the meeting by welcoming members and describing the charge of the committee to the group. The committee received a copy of the 2017-2018 annual report and the Faculty Senate approved committee charge.

Officer Election:

The first item of business was to elect officers for the 2018-2019 academic year. Jeff opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Puri Martinez was nominated by George Bailey, and she accepted the nomination. The committee unanimously voted in Puri for the Chair position. Puri presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Puri nominated George Bailey for Vice Chair, and George accepted the nomination. The committee unanimously voted for George for the Vice Chair position, and last, Puri nominated Beth Chaney for role of Secretary, and the committee unanimously voted for Beth as Secretary.

Therefore, the **2018-2019 officers** are:

Chair – Puri Martinez

Vice Chair – George Bailey

Secretary – Beth Chaney

Faculty Representation to Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee and the University Athletics Committee:

George Bailey was appointed as the GEIEC representative to the Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee. Puri asked that he prepare a report of the work on that committee to share at a future GEIEC meeting.

Travis Alford was appointed as the GEIEC representative to the University Athletics Committee.

Overview of Tasks for 2018-2019:

Jeff Popke was asked to provide his thoughts on business for this year, and he indicated that the committee may be involved with: 1) the new policy for defining credit hours for varying types of instruction (i.e. distance education courses, study abroad courses, internships), and 2) examining the redesign of the senior survey.

Ying Zhou provided some more discussion around both of these items. First, she indicated that the current policy regarding credit hours for ECU is similar to that of the federal government policy, which defines a credit hour by time spent in class and outside of class. She indicated that measurement of this 'class time' exposure needs more specificity for our online courses, study abroad courses, student teaching hours, and internships. This will be a topic of discussion in the upcoming semester,

as we need to standardize what the minimum hours should be per credit hour in these types of course offerings. The committee will be involved in more discussion around this topic at future meetings. It was suggested that the Global Affairs Committee and the Study Abroad Office be involved in this conversation, as well.

Secondly, Ying mentioned that the senior survey is not required by the UNC System, so there has been a survey committee established to make decisions around the current survey items and their usefulness. Ying will bring the survey back to the committee for discussion and asked that if anyone is interested in assisting the survey committee on reviewing the senior survey, to please let her know. Jeff indicated he brought this to the GEIEC, because many of the survey items ask about teaching at ECU. It was suggested that the survey be reviewed by our committee, before being finalized.

A+ committee – The GEIEC asked Jeff Popke, as Chair of the Faculty, to establish a committee to look into including A+ into the existing plus/minus system. It was mentioned that the Admissions and Retention committee may need to be involved in this discussion.

Other business carried over from last year involved a discussion around the reduction of the diversity course credit requirement from one three-hour Domestic Diversity Course and one three-hour Global Diversity course to either one three-hour Domestic Diversity Course or one three-hour Global diversity course. This topic will appear on an upcoming agenda for further discussion, as the committee would like to review the number of course offerings.

George indicated he would provide the new Chair, Puri, with the items that need to be discussed for the next meeting. In addition, he brought up transfer course approvals that Puri will be assisting with in the upcoming year. Lida asked if some of these courses could be considered as automatically approved by the articulation agreement, and Ying indicated she would follow-up on that for the next meeting.

Puri asked that George provide an update on the Honors College committee, and Ying provide an update on the General Education assessment for natural sciences.

The next GEIEC meeting is September 17, 2018, 2pm in Rawl Annex.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.