

**COMMITTEE:** Faculty Senate Service-Learning Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 10/19/21

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Priti Desai

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Vera Tabakova, Abby Schwartz, Tristin Carpenter, Karen Jones, Craig Becker

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Patricia (Patch) Clark, Misun Hur, Roxanne Wilder, Katherine Ford, Rebecca Bagley, Kelsey Simpson, Dennis McCunney (temporary Ex-Officio member)

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## **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes of meeting held on 9/7/2021

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Jones made a motion to approve, Tabakova seconded. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Assigned additional duties to: None

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Agenda Item: Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Advisory Committee Updates

Discussion: McCunney discussed the history of SLC and the subsequent development of the CEL Advisory Committee and how it complements the SLC. Lauren Howard will serve as interim director of CLCE and will serve on the SLC beginning in January 2022. Desai is SLC representative on the CEL Advisory Committee. Next meeting of the CEL Advisory Committee will be in Spring 2022.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

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Agenda Item: Survey data collected last academic year on activities faculty complete during COVID 19 that were still related to service learning.

Discussion: Tabakova explained that the survey was sent to 146 faculty (who include(d) service-learning activities in their classes), and 13 responses were received. Tabakova will send the survey results to SLC members who are interested. Also discussed featuring SL faculty for a Pirate Profile. Could Consider Dr. Rebecca Dumlao, and Dr. Daniel Novey who responded more thoroughly to the survey.

Action Taken: Since service- learning changed due to Covid-19 restrictions, the committee decided it is best to wait to send another survey until these activities become more normalized in the context of the pandemic.

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Recognition of faculty/ students doing SL work on ECU media platforms

Discussion: As mentioned in earlier topic, Tabakova suggested that group considers featuring Dr. Dumlao, and/or Dr. Novey who responded more thoroughly to the survey. Also need to consider another student to highlight, as student discussed last term could have graduated (status unknown). Hur and Twark will follow up re: next steps after bringing information back to committee in November regarding featuring SL faculty/student for Pirate Profile

Action Taken: None.

Assigned additional duties to: Desai to include topic on next SLC agenda.

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Agenda Item: Service Learning (SL) cords and recognition of qualifying students

Discussion:

- Since last term, contact was to be made with the new Barnes and Nobles (B & N) bookstore representative.
  - Desai spoke with Chelsea Havner, manager of B & N bookstore. Havner confirmed that they can designate and order the Oak Hall Silver and White double cords for SL student honorees, offered to keep list of SL honorees, and the option for them to pay and pick up their honor cord from the bookstore directly. The cords cost approximately \$12.00. Similar cords can likely be purchased from different vendors, but they may not exactly match the quality of the university regalia.
  - Desai spoke with IPAR to see how many students could be recognized for Fall 2021 graduation. No one qualified (with current criteria of completing 3 SL designated courses).
  - Hur offered to join the subcommittee with Desai and Schwartz.
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Agenda Item: Selecting SLC representative to the Academic Awards Committee

Discussion: Desai briefly summarized the role and asked for a volunteer. Tabakova graciously volunteered to serve.

Action Taken: Tabakova appointed to serve as SLC representative to the Academic Awards Committee

Assigned additional duties to: Desai has emailed Dr. Joy Karriker, chair of Academic Awards Committee regarding this and copied Tabakova.

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Agenda Item: Redefinition/ Reimagination of Service- learning at ECU discussion.

Discussion: McCunney conveyed CLCE's/ some faculty's viewpoint that perhaps ECU's definition of SL may be overly mechanical, more strictly pedagogical, and perhaps has less focus on impact, or ideals focused on civic engagement.

- The SLC members want more direction regarding redefinition/reimagining the vocabulary around service-learning, community-engaged learning.
- The SLC members expressed needing direction from Dr. Purificación Martínez whether this is going to become a more formalized charge for the SLC to take some definitive action, and the

desired outcome of these discussions so appropriate steps can be taken to move forward productively.

Action Taken: Group decided to get more input from Dr. Purificación Martínez regarding the charge and desired outcome.

Assigned additional duties to: Desai to invite Dr. Martínez to the November meeting.

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Agenda Item: Promoting SL with various constituents (video, other ideas).

Discussion: Could consider interviewing Drs. Dumlao, Novey, their student(s) and the community partner(s).

Action Taken: Postponed discussion till next meeting.

Assigned additional duties to: None

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Agenda Item: Carpenter- initiated discussion regarding certain Nursing DE courses and the eligibility for SL designation.

Discussion: Carpenter unable to create a contract with a single agency as a community partner for the course(s). Instead, students engage in more individualized activities. Could that be counted? Would this type of learning activities be eligible for SL designation? Given the need to “expand” the definition of SL Might this may be an option?

Action Taken: Carpenter to send committee more detailed information re: what students do for the course- prior to next meeting, so we can discuss further.

Assigned additional duties to: Desai to include this topic on next SLC agenda.

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Agenda Item: Discrepancies between SL designation for courses in UG catalog (registrar’s office) and IPAR list.

Discussion: Plus, concern expressed regarding lack of clarity re: what course can be designated/ designated courses not showing up in catalog, faculty doing CEL/ SL work, but not seeking the SL course designation.

Action Taken: To be discussed during next meeting. Maybe create a subcommittee to look into this. Might go in tandem with the redefinition/ reimagination work.

Assigned additional duties to: Desai to include this topic on next SLC agenda.

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### Adjournment

Desai made a motion to adjourn, Tabakova seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 9, 2021, 3:30-4:30 PM (may extend until 4:45 PM if needed). Meeting via Teams.