

COMMITTEE: Faculty Senate Service-Learning Committee

MEETING DATE: 4/13/21

PERSON PRESIDING: Sachiyo Shearman

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marion Eppler, Sachiyo Shearman, Priti Desai, Vera Tabakova, Craig Becker, Oghale Asagbra, Abby Schwartz, Jill Twark

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Wendy Bridgers, Tara Kermiet

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Purificación Martínez

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes from 3/9/21 meeting

Discussion:

Action Taken: approved

Assigned additional duties to: none

Agenda Item: SL Course Designation Application Update

Discussion:

- See approval process document posted on SLC Faculty Senate website (<https://facultysenate.ecu.edu/service-learning-committee/service-learning-committee-roster/>) and in the SLC SharePoint.
- Emailed Provost and Provost Assistant about BIOL3010, and reported to March 30th's Faculty Senate meeting and obtained an approval under #Resolution 21-20 (<https://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/facultysenate/fulltextx3.pdf>)
- We are currently on step 10 (waiting for the chancellor's approval) for BIOL 3010. Will need to follow up with remaining steps.
- May want to consider simplifying these steps in the future. Compare to steps for Writing Intensive designation process.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: Sachiyo will complete the remaining steps as needed.

Agenda Item: SL Faculty Survey Efforts

Discussion:

- Will send out survey probably this week with reminder after semester ends. This has been a bad time for sending out surveys because faculty are getting too many survey requests recently.
- Add to business for next year—review results of survey and use to promote SL faculty efforts.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: Vera will send out survey soon and collect results.

Agenda Item: Promoting/Incentivizing SL Courses on Campus

Discussion:

- Craig—Purpose of document posted on sharepoint is to find ways to formally recognize faculty efforts when doing service learning.
- Add to business carried forward to next year—work on action items within document.
- Tara—Need to reinvigorate the culture around SL. What would this look like at an institutional level?

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: none

Agenda Item: Increasing SL Courses on Campus

Discussion:

- Purificación Martinez encouraged SLC to re-examine definition of service learning (criteria for SL designation) to make it broader and inclusive of community engagement efforts. For example, first 3000-level SPAN course requires students to do community service as translators. What are the barriers to getting SL designation for more courses? How might we include activities that already look like SL?
- Note that there may be a charge coming from faculty senate chair regarding this.
- Also consider expanding definitions for SL faculty awards and add a lifetime achievement award. Why are there two awards given by different groups?
- Tara—there are two different faculty awards because there are two definitions, one for broader community-based or community-engaged learning and research and one more narrowly focused on SL.
- Need to identify academic-related work currently not designated as SL.
- Based on this conversation, Sachiyo added action items to document mentioned above (promoting/incentivizing SL courses).
- Tara provided links to examples from other institutions along with powerpoint. This information was added to sharepoint site.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: none

Agenda Item: SL Honor Cords

Discussion:

- Add this to business for next year—have cords ready for fall 2021 graduation.
- Create list of faculty donors. Check back when B&N opens (in a week or two) and be sure cords are reserved and ready for students to purchase.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: Priti will check on this when B&N is operating.

Agenda Item: SL Faculty Awards

Discussion:

- Jill—Dr. David Loy received the Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Community Engaged Learning Award.
- Sachiyo—Dr. Giuseppe Getto received the University Service-Learning Teaching Excellence Award.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: none

Agenda Item: Reflections for 2020-2021 Annual Report

Discussion:

- Sachiyo is working on annual report. Input is welcome.

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: Sachiyo will complete the report with assistance from Vera and Marion.

Agenda Item: Action Items/Any Other Business

Discussion:

- none

Action Taken: none

Assigned additional duties to: none

NEXT MEETING: Fall 2021