

Minutes
Faculty Development Committee
October 31, 2018
1:30-2:30
GHH200

Attendance: Madge Thombs, Chris Menton, Saeed Hydaralli, Farbod Farhadi, Hasala Gallolu Kankanamalage, Lindsey Gumb & Don Lee

Absent: Murray McMillan, Sonya Cates, Leo Yiu

1. Motion was made to approve last month's minutes made by Madge, seconded by Chris: passed: 7-0-0
2. Guest, Ame Lambert, Chief Diversity Officer (unable to attend at last minute -- will invite her to our November meeting)
3. Member task check-in
 - a. Lindsey -- CSALTT website/Bob Shea & next steps
 - i. Lindsey met with Bob Shea to seek his permission to gain access to the Professional Development page of the CSALTT webpage. Bob granted permission and set her up with MarCom for web training. She now has editing permissions of this page. All group members will review this page and make note of what sections need updating, what's missing, etc. We will discuss these edits at our next meeting, and Lindsey will make changes as group determines.
<https://www.rwu.edu/academics/academic-affairs/center-scholarship-assessment-learning-teaching-technology/professional-development>
 - b. Chris -- CSALTT collaboration re Adria Updike's request & next steps
 - .Chris met with Bob Shea who is willing to help support faculty in holding informal pedagogical forums, perhaps on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon with small snacks and libations
 - i. Adria and Katie have started facilitating talks in MNS on Wednesday afternoons from 2-3, once a month. Chris Menton will reach out and see if we as a committee can add it to the CSALTT website and leave it open for faculty outside of MNS
 - ii. Saeed suggests opening this dialogue to include scholarship as well as pedagogy. Committee agrees and will add to next agenda to discuss further
 - iii. Farbod suggests that having a school-based approach to these gatherings would be beneficial and likely attract more people. Again, perhaps even if these were school-based, we could still list on the website as open to all interested faculty since disciplines do intersect at times
 - iv. Lindsey suggests also offering the creation of faculty podcasts via CSALTT and the FIL (faculty interactive lab). Podcasts would allow faculty to subscribe to topics of interest without having to be physically present on campus for these kinds of talks, which is often an inhibitor
 - c. Saeed -- Diversity committee collaboration update & next steps
 - .Saeed reached out to both Alexander Knight (Diversity Chair) and Ame Lambert (CDO) to collaborate on providing opportunities for our faculty. Ame is open to working with both of our committees, and we will invite her to our next meeting
 - d. Farbod -- Faculty Development/non-traditional scholarship
 - .Farbod spoke with Sue Bosco who identified this concern as a RWUFA issue rather than Senate. Farbod took it to RWUFA President Dave M. who has documented it as a faculty concern.
 - i. Lindsey will follow up with Dave with some documentation from other schools who have amended their contracts to include new language for alternative forms of scholarship to be recognized for tenure/promotion
4. New Business

- . No new business
- 5. Set next meeting date
- . Lindsey will send out a Doodle Poll. It was mentioned that this time works for some of our committee members, but it does not work for others. Will likely alternate between earlier and later times
- 6. Motion made by Lindsey to adjourn and seconded by Madge. 7-0-0