Northern Illinois University

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (CIUAE)

2019-2020 MEETING #5
Monday, February 3, 2020

MINUTES

APPROVED

Present: Sheila Barrett (HHS); Jeanne Baxter (Alumni Association Rep., Ex-officio); Zac Birch (Housing & Dining rep, Ex-officio); Andrew Digate (VP Student Affairs-designee, Ex-officio); Daryl Dugas (COE); Elisa Fredericks (COB); Sarah Holmes (ULIB); Trude Jacobsen (CLAS); Renique Kersh (Associate Vice Provost, Ex-officio); Venumadhav Korampally (CEET); Isabella Lamarre (CLAS student); Brooke Lavite (CLAS student); Andrea Radasanu (Honors Director, Ex-officio); Andrea Swofford (CVPA student); Amari White (SA representative)

Absent: Michelle Bringas (AARC Director, Ex-officio); Evadne Bowlin (COE student); Cindy Hellyer-Heinz (CVPA);

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. Fredericks made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by S. Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 2, 2019 minutes

E. Fredericks made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting, seconded by V. Korampally. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

College faculty representatives provided an update on their progress related to: disseminating the textbook affordability information to their respective college administrators and college faculty; identifying the person responsible in the college for webpage; and updating the Cengage spreadsheet in SharePoint.

Student representatives provided an update on their progress related to engaging their respective student advisory committee’s about selecting student representatives to CIUAE in the spring semester instead of fall.

R. Kersh explained that a more detailed discussion regarding the Academic Advisor Award happened after the December CIUAE meeting and that it was decided the Advisory Council will administer the award and select recipients.

D. Dugas reviewed the instruction handout for scoring the EUTA/EUIA applicants (six prompts). D. Dugas displayed scoring spreadsheet on monitor and pointed out that the second tab of the spreadsheet is for scoring the Raymond grant applications. The five criteria for the Raymond grant are located on the application itself. Spreadsheets were
emailed to CIUAE members to complete and upload to SharePoint site. Scoring is due by February 21, 2020.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The committee broke into groups of two and brainstormed about what the CIUAE should be doing in addition to the teaching awards and Raymond grant.

E. Fredericks shared that the Faculty Senate had made a list of priorities that CIUAE could review and pick one or two items related to student concerns to focus on as a group. E. Fredericks will bring the list to the next meeting.

R. Kersh has access to student surveys that could also provide CIUAE with topics to work on.

I. Lamarre suggested mixing up the seating at the CIUAE meetings so that students are dispersed between the faculty and staff of the committee. Students would get to know members of committee and feel welcome and empowered to speak up. Student members want tasks to do to feel involved with the committee.

It seems there is a LOT of untapped energy in the committee for trying to build student connections, help students get more connected/involved on campus. This is both in curricular and extra-curricular areas.

ADJOURNMENT

E. Fredericks made a motion to adjourn at 2:58 p.m., seconded by S. Holmes. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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