

# **COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Monday, April 5, 2021

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

## **Minutes**

Present: Darryl Dugas, Elisa Fredericks, Katja Wiemer, Venu Korampally, Emma McMahon, Lee Sunderlin, Jason Rivera, Jennifer Gray, Tom Libert, Trude Jacobsen

The meeting began at 1:02pm

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Wiemer moved, Fredericks second, approved with following addendum:

Add to announcements – report from the “In The Classroom Subcommittee.”

### **Approval of Minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting**

Korpally moved, Fredericks second, minutes approved.

### **Announcements**

In the classroom subcommittee – Someone from CITL gave a presentation to the subcommittee, which will be working to develop a script for a video to be shown to faculty over the classroom. Wiemer will have the draft by May 1, and will send the script to the team for input when it is ready.

### **Old Business**

Debrief from the awards selection process. Format for receiving EUTA/EUIA was different from Raymond. Move Raymond to EUTA/EUIA process. Decrease weight of criteria 5 and 6 for EUTA/EUIA decision rubric, because those are not as closely related to what’s going on in the classroom as the other criteria (especially important for instruction award). Add a criterion related to pedagogy.

Daryl divided those present into breakout rooms to think about more suggestions.

Feedback from breakout groups

#### **Committee 1**

Do not change weighting of the 2 criteria because research and other achievements contributes to the classroom experience. Scoring on the student evaluations were all formatted differently (eg 1 is highest on some evals, 5 is highest on others). Would like to have all the formatting switched to one format so that it is not confusing.

Dugas will talk to tech team about this.  
Committee agreed with switching format of Raymond award (Jacobsen moved, Fredericks seconded), Motion passed.

To standardize student ratings (Fredericks moved, Jacobsen seconded), Motion passed.

#### Committee 2

Agrees with the idea of lowering weighting for criteria 5 and 6, or even removing them altogether, although after discussion did not wish to eliminate. Suggestion to raise criteria 1 – 4 on a 20 point scale, but leaving 5 and 6 as 10 point scale, or change wording of prompt to clarify that more consideration is given to research/activities that relate directly to pedagogy.

#### Teaching Awards

Change weighting of criteria 5 & 6 (Wiemer moved, Gray seconded) Motion passed.  
Details of this will be worked out in the fall.

Change wording of prompt 5 to make the inclusion of pedagogy as part of consideration (Gray moved, Sunderlin seconded), motion passed. Details will be worked out in the fall.

#### Instruction Awards

Sunderlin move to repeat same, Wiemer seconded. Motion passed.

#### Other suggestions:

Assessment of accessibility outside of the classroom can be affected by size of classes and number of TAs, unfair to faculty teaching larger classes. But seems difficult and impractical to try to adjust for this. Edit prompt 4 to ensure class size information is captured for use during the deliberation process. Do a research project to see if awards are being given disproportionately.

Move to edit prompt 4 for class size (Wiemer moved, Fredericks seconded) Motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Election of the 2021-2022 CIUAE Chair

#### Nominations:

Lee Sunderlin by Wiemer (willing to be co-chair)

Sunderlin nominated Wiemer as co-chair

Motion by Fredericks, Jacobsen seconded. Motion passed.

Dugas will work with Katja and Lee for smooth transition.

Everyone thanked Dugas for his service as chair for 2 years.

Trude Jacobsen said goodbye to the committee. Dugas thanked her for her service, and her 1 year as chair.

Weimer thanked students for all their dedication & participation.

Weimer thanked Karen Campbell for administrative support.

Libert thanked committee for allowing him to serve and said he would love to come back for another year.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Campbell