

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE (CIUAE)

Monday, February 7, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Approved Minutes

Present: Ellen Davis, Darly Dugas, Elisa Fredericks, Deontae Hawkins (for UnD'Re Wilson), Nichole Knutson, Venu Korampally, Tom Libert, Andrea Radasanu, Jason Rhode, Lee Sunderlin, Katja Wiemer

Absent: Sinclair Bell, Doriann Glieman, Jennifer Gray, Wendell Johnson (on sabbatical), Duane Meighan, Karla Padron, Naina Richards

Adoption of Agenda. The meeting started at 1:01 p.m. Fredericks made a motion to approve the agenda; Dugas seconded. Friendly amendment to add discussion of accepting application materials after posted deadline. Agenda with changes approved.

Approval of Minutes. Two sets of minutes were approved. Dugas made the motion to accept the minutes for December 6, 2021; Fredericks seconded. The December minutes were approved. Dugas moved to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2021 meeting. Fredericks seconded. Correction to spelling errors discussed. The April modified minutes were approved.

Accepting Application Materials after Posted Deadline

No applications have been received for the David W. Raymond Award for Use of Technology in Teaching. Dugas made a motion to extend the deadline, Korampally seconded. The final date was discussed and the committee settled on March 21, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Jason Rhode, Executive Director for the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) introduced himself and spoke about the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Quality Initiative, <https://www.niu.edu/hlc/quality-initiative/>. HLC QI is the institution's commitment to continuous improvement. NIU chose to work on the student success rate in gateway courses. Over the last year the HLC QI group has looked at rates in core/required sequence courses where pass rates are low and have equity gaps. Courses have been identified and a faculty and student tool kit are in production. Student Success Tips and Tools located at: <https://www.niu.edu/citl/resources/guides/students/index.shtml> and Faculty toolkit at: <https://www.niu.edu/citl/resources/toolkits/student-success-in-gateway-courses/index.shtml>.

Jason Rhode and Nichole Knutson sought feedback from the committee while the tools are still being refined and presented to other groups across campus.

Old Business

Committee reviewed Lee Sunderlin's instructions on scoring for teaching awards (EUTA/EUIA) and Raymond grant. Score spreadsheets for EUTA and EUIA are due to Lee and Katja by 4 p.m. on February 28th. Links to the EUTA and EUIA nominations plus spreadsheet will be emailed to the committee this week. EUTA and EUIA recipients will be selected at the next CIUAE meeting on March 7, 2022. David Raymond Award recipients will be selected at the April CIUAE meeting.

Adjournment. Gray moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Korampally. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Mia Hannon