

SSIS Faculty Council Minutes

Wednesday September 25, 2024

In Attendance: Dean Dianne Hyson, Associate Dean Marya Endriga, Brian DiSarro, Sharon Flicker, Julian Fulton, Ciobha McKeown, Megan Raschig, Sahar Razavi, Jenny Stevenson, Jasmine Wade, David Selby, & Jackie Brooks

Meeting Commenced at 1:33 pm by Jasmine Wade

- I. Call to order at 1:34 Jasmine Wade
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. All in favor to approve agenda for today- motion by Ciobha and second Brian and all approve. Approval for minutes: motion by Brian and second Jackie, and all approve.
- IV. Open Forum:
 - We discussed students' skill loss in recent semesters. Sharon gave an example of the Indiana University plagiarism module and about 50/120 could not pass it and some students gave up even though multiple attempts are allowed. Multiple emails from students that said they could not pass it and the same module has been used for years. Some attributed the skill loss to the pandemic and social media. Suggestions: supporting students' mental health, being knowledgeable about AI, keep up the professional development as well and reach new generations, rethinking what academic basics look like.
 - Provost screening: October 8-11 tentative provost search.
 - Accommodations: There's a concern that students are not taking advantage of their accommodations. Is there a gap or miscommunication that is preventing students from working with DAC?
- V. Set minutes taking schedule in alphabetical order.
- VI. Budget and faculty award discussion
 - We did not get as much from the state and in our college we hold 60% shared cost with CCE, where 40% goes to the departments and this supports how we set aside and afford money for travel. We still do not know for sure what will happen with our CCE money and meetings with chairs went well. We will have some CCE money. Departments are relying more on CCE with the decreased state budget. Within the month we

should know. If we wait to decide we are getting late into the semester. It is in October and people are trying to travel. How much do we really need from the state? Third week of October we will know exactly how much money we get from CCE so that departments know what they have. The money that we will not touch is money for new faculty.

- We worked to decide on a document that will go out to faculty so they can apply for travel funds with the full understanding that the budget is different this year.
- Concern from chairs: Speaking for chairs and how to divvy funds and since 15% of funds from CCE is being lost, and some departments are in a really tough spot, no student assistants, equipment, etc., and they are scrambling to get funding. The chairs are worried that this will take up a lot of money and the departments will be even more pressed. Maybe departments can choose where the money is divvied up? The departments are very concerned about this.
- Scope of numbers: 139 faculty applied for travel funding the last two years. 31 associates, etc. , 3 year=9, 1 year= 2 and 1, and FERP was 1.
- Motion to approve the disclaimer language on the faculty travel application. Jackie: move. David: second. All approve with one sentence changed.

VII. Transition Plan in the Dean's Office: Mayra is moving into Interim Dean role and Diane is moving for a team of fellows.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 pm by Jasmine Wade

Minutes recorded by Jenny Stevenson