

Minutes of the Meeting of the Task Force on Teaching Excellence

Sept. 15, 2020

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University of North Carolina, Pembroke

Members present: Robert Arndt, Cherry Maynor Beasley, Charles Beem, Kirill Bumin, Terence Dollard, Scott Hicks, Eun Hee Jeon, Shenika Jones, Zhixin Kang, Siva Mandjiny, Claudia Nickolson, and Carla Rokes

Members absent: Conner Sandefur and Joe Sciulli

Guests present: Leslie Bell and Beth Holder

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm, 11-0-0.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the March 17 meeting were approved, 11-0-0.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was adopted as presented, 11-0-0.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Beth Holder, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Dean of the University College, reported the state of various grant activities, including funding of mentors and supplemental instructors; a focus on continued student support grant funding; a review of first-year retention numbers (70.7 percent overall); the University College's desire for additional learning communities, given higher retention outcomes; the development of a retention council; and a focus on truly undeclared majors.
 - b. Scott Hicks, Teaching & Learning Center Director, presented his report, emphasizing increased rates of faculty participation in professional development since March.
 - c. Leslie Bell, Academic Resources Director, reported of a 2.5 percent cut to Academic Affairs budgets and invited members to inform her of technology-related needs due to the COVID19 pandemic.
 - i. Fund No. 101490 (Faculty Development Center Operating Budget)
 1. Beginning Balance: \$7,000.00
 2. Debits: (\$663.93)
 3. Available Balance: \$6,336.07
 - ii. Fund No. 152100 (Faculty Development)
 1. Beginning Balance: \$15,000.00
 2. Debits: (\$1,600.00)
 3. Available Balance: \$13,400.00
 - iii. Fund No. 252120 Available Balance: N/A
- V. New Business

- a. Grants for Excellence in Teaching & Learning
 - i. The Task Force recommended funding of \$2,906, pending availability, of the proposal of Jonathan Ricks (Counseling) in the area of play therapy and theory, with the caveat that guest lectures be recorded and preserved, 11-0-0.
- b. Grants for Syllabus Transformation
 - i. The Task Force recommended funding of \$450, pending availability, of the proposal of Autumn Lauzon (English, Theatre & Foreign Languages) for the transformation of ENG 2050, in collaboration with the Office of Community & Civic Engagement, 11-0-0.

VI. For the Good of the Order

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm, 11-0-0.