

FD Advisory Meeting

3.1.2024

4-5:00

**Attendance:** Dr. Rebecca Burton, Dr. Cathy Donald-Whitney, Linda Kapocsi, Dr. Lisa Kirby, Dr. Patrick Lewis, Dr. Sahalie Mitchell, Dr. Serena Richards, Kenya Rutherford, Russell Smith, Dr. Kevin Suber, Dr. Allison Venuto, and Dr. Tiffany Vincent

- I. Introductions to the committee (Russell and Kenya are new: Yay! Welcome)
- II. Background for fall 2023 conference
  - a. Principal duty is to provide information for events in January/ August
  - b. Focus on break-out sessions in January
  - c. Focus for speaker/ smaller break-outs
- III. Voted for additional member
  - a. Most votes won
  - b. Allison to reach out to that individual
  - c. Agreed that if this person does not respond, she will offer the next person
- IV. Time is of the essence. We are in March now, so we need speaker ideas ASAP
- V. Speaker budget
  - a. \$4000 fee
  - b. \$1000 travel budget
- VI. Discussion on topics for Spring
  - a. Daniel Willingham: Science of Learning (Strongly recommended by R. Burton)
  - b. Serena, Tiffany voted against AI discussion
  - c. Lisa- We need to diversify topics
  - d. Mental Health
    - i. Kenya- Mental health topics come in waves. So many aspects to discuss. Try to understand all the issues.
    - ii. Patrick- If we discuss mental health, let's reach out to the ACCESS office to speak.
      1. Strategies?
      2. Kenya to reach out (she worked with the ACCESS office for 8 yrs); she will seek volunteers
    - iii. What direction do we take?
      1. How can students self-regulate?
      2. What tools can we provide for them?
      3. Sahalie- Teaching the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student (Ask Counseling to come in and present as well)
        - a. Lisa expressed that Counseling dept is very short staffed- faculty are the first line of defense
        - b. (Serena just thought about this: Maybe a speaker to help us in learning what to look for?)
      4. Patrick: Rec'd "Teaching the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student" as our focus. Serena seconded.

5. Linda- we also need to incorporate how students are learning
  6. Decision: Allison to reach out to Dr. Willingham to see if he is available to speak. Will follow up.
    - a. Will reach out to Dr. Horvath if necessary
    - b. Discussed cost/ availability. Decided that if a Zoom meeting is an option to facilitate the speaker, we unanimously agreed to do this.
  7. Decision: Kenya to reach out for two ACCESS volunteers:
    - a. One to discuss practicality (how do I handle...)
    - b. One to discuss cognitive component (how do I recognize...)
  8. Allison to discuss with Terrence our topic/ receive recommendations from him
  9. Logistics? Linda questioned room size as that has been a problem. Allison to follow up.
- VII. Feedback for New Faculty Academy
- a. Planning for Fall 2024
  - b. Any ideas/ feedback to facilitate faculty engagement/ understanding?
    - i. Engaging syllabus
    - ii. College service?
    - iii. Please email Allison with additional recommendations:
      1. Sahalie: Missing opportunity to network with others who were hired @ the same time
      2. Tiffany: Handouts with resource information
      3. Rebecca: Rhythm of Collin College (what to expect)
      4. Cathy: Mentor program
- VIII. Other topics?
- a. *None*

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