

September 18th 2020 Health Science Symposium meeting on Zoom at 2 pm, Minutes.

Attendees: Vijaya Velamakanni, Kimberly Gentry, Elaine Fanini, Robert Brown, Tanya Sanchez, April Adams, Karrie Newby, Leon Deutsch, Marlo Ballard, Roberta Cravo, Juli Westcott, Josh Snyder.

Kimberly began the meeting by discussing the success of last year's "writing workshop". It was decided a face-to-face workshop would be too difficult to host this year with strict social distancing requirements. Everyone agreed that a virtual workshop would suffice if the writing center and reference librarians would be available to help get something together.

Kimberly will be contacting the writing center and reference librarians on the McKinney campus to get their input on how best to hold a virtual "writing workshop" for the research participants.

It was then discussed that everyone is open to hosting the symposium at the McKinney campus conference center, should there be a room available. Three possible dates were selected: 1st choice April 16th, 2nd choice April 9th, and 3rd choice March 26th. The time of the event on any of these days would be from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Kimberly will be contacting conference services to check on conference center availability.

It was also discussed that a virtual symposium is a possibility if we cannot host it in person. Both a live zoom symposium and submission of recorded videos were presented as possible options. Details of a virtual symposium were tabled until Kimberly finds out if we can secure a room in the conference center for an in-person symposium.

The last item of business was to discuss a schedule of when abstracts would be due and judging would take place. Roberta questioned how many students would be participating in the symposium before we can set these dates. Kimberly will be contacting all the instructors who have participating students to get an approximate head count.

Next Zoom meeting: October 16th at 1 pm, Kimberly will send the zoom link to the committee.

Meeting adjourned.