

Wayne State University
Academic Senate
Curriculum and Instruction Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018

Present:

Brad Roth, Chair	Jeffrey Grynawiski
Julian Binenda	Robert Harr
Victoria Dallas	Donna Kashian
Thomas Fischer	Richard Pineau
Jane Fitzgibbon	Michele Porter
	Yang Zhao

Liaisons:

Paul Beavers (policy committee)
Meghan Courtney (AAUP-AFT)
Darin Ellis (Administration)
Abraham Husseini (Student Senate)
Nancy Welter (UPTF)

Absent with Notice: Robert Ackerman, Thomas Killion

Absent without Notice:

The meeting began at 1:30 pm with Brad Roth presiding.

I. Introductions

Meeting opened with introductions by committee members.

II. Chair's updates

Brad Roth provided an overview of the CIC activities from the prior year along with potential areas of interest moving forward.

Past Projects included:

- A. General Education curriculum development and implementation
- B. Discussion and response to issues of academic misconduct ("E-cheating")

Future potential projects:

- A. Barriers and facilitators of E-Textbooks
- B. Review of online and hybrid courses
- C. Review the use of SET evaluations

III.. GenEd Math Requirement – Implementation Updates

Richard Pineau presented an overview of current and proposed changes to math courses. Discussion ensued regarding capacity issues, future developments, changes in math placement procedures along with general clarification questions.

IV. Provost Office

Darin Ellis provided a list of suggested foci for the CIC committee this coming year:

- A. Institutional learning outcomes

Darin Ellis will bring examples from other institutions to begin the exploration.

- B. Examining the affordability of learning materials (e-textbooks, open educational resources, materials fees, etc.)

Discussion occurred regarding student costs for course textbooks including student use of various textbook modalities. Use of and issues with open source materials, copyright infringement and working with our own Barnes and Noble bookstore were all raised. To that end, Jeff Grynawiski presented on a program. The “First Day Inclusive Delivery Model” provides access to publisher’s content. Students are charged an additional course fee which is below market value for usual course textbooks, etc. Jeff Grynawiski suggested that B & N present to the CIC to explain this concept further. CIC committee agreed. Issues related to “materials fees” have to be approved by the Provost and administration. CIC was encouraged to explore and discuss the myriad of choices and options. Suggestion made to consider a task force to examine this further.

- C. Syllabus publication and dissemination policy

- D. Explore methods to reduce course redundancy across campus.

V. Matters Arising

Jane Fitzgibbons mentioned the loss of student grades and assignments during the transfer to Canvas from Blackboard. It was creating difficulty in terms of student grade appeals. Canvas and C&IT will be contacted to determine if or where the Blackboard materials have been archived.

Yang Zhao raised issue of “cheating prevention.” This is related to the use of technology to cheat, increasing security measures in the classroom, university procedures related to cheating, etc. Suggested this be explored further by the CIC.

Nancy Welter (UPTF) suggested that CIC review online and hybrid course development and implementation. Issues are arising related to intellectual property rights, etc.

Meeting adjourned by Brad Roth.

Next meeting: 10-24-18 – 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julian Binienda