

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting  
October 11, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

In attendance: renée hoogland, Erin Comartin, Stella Resko, Karin Tarpenning  
In attendance over Zoom: Heather Abraham, Linda Beale, Kristen Kaszeta, Georgia Michalopoulou, Cynthia McNeill

renée hoogland called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m., followed by introductions of those in attendance.

Approval of September 6, 2023 minutes will take place at the next meeting.

PowerPoint presentation on FIGs (First-Year Interest Groups) by guests Kelly Dormer and Zag Krug. Need to simplify course registration experience so students can more easily register for classes within the FIG. Currently holding back some FIG seats so that students can have a cohort experience.

Fall registration 2023 shows 544 students currently enrolled of which 535 are registered as full-time students. 18 FIG themes with plans to increase the number of FIGS. Many of the FIGs faculty initiated. Plans to do a Midterm Early Academic Assessment and Winter registration outreach.

Peer mentor support is embedded in the Wayne Experience course and there plans to reach out to students who do not take the Wayne Experience course. Mandatory one on one meeting with a peer mentor to get ahead of concerns. Student feedback surveys conducted three times a semester. So far feedback has been positive.

Challenges to be addressed include making the registration process less chaotic as well as getting students into a FIG in pre-orientation. Accommodate students who want to be in multiple FIGs. Also marketing and recruitment support to get information out earlier to students and parents, and make more advisors available to students so that they can opt in. Long-term goal is to get all first-year students enrolled in a FIG.

Discussed writing a memo for removal of University Policies in syllabi. Suggestion that the University publish policies on every Canvas course site, and if there is a change in policy, faculty should be informed. renée stated that FAC should work with the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and expressed a need to come up with a proposal to handle this issue. She and Erin will work on a memo in consultation with Linda Beale to submit to the Policy Committee.

Discussed Grade Appeal Process and associated problems. Concerns about grade changes made on the part of Administration without faculty consultation. Many find the flow chart ridiculous and the committee was asked to consider Susan Fino's concerns and proposals. Kristen Kaszeta expressed concerns about the amount of work necessary to redo an assignment in a performance based class. Suggestion made to work with the Curriculum and Instruction Committee to address faculty concerns with the Grade Appeal Process.

Faculty and Academic Staff psychological well being to be addressed at every meeting. Currently concerns expressed about the ever-increasing work load for both faculty and staff.

PowerPoint presentation on Artificial Intelligence by guest Richard Pineau. Gave a definition and brief history of AI. Highlighted the report from the subcommittee that met last spring (February-April 2023) that produced a preliminary report. Recommendations to support first-year students and have a conversation with them about academic misconduct and the revised Student Code of Conduct now that the Wayne Experience course requirement has been suspended. Richard has gone to the Student Senate. (Richard sent the PowerPoint to renée after the meeting, who then sent it out to all committee members.)

Next Faculty Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in 4339 FAB.

Meeting was brought to a close around 1:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karin Tarpenning