

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, Sept. 6, 2023

Present: renée c. hoogland (Chair), Kristen Kazeta, Pramod Koshla, Georgia Michalopoulou, Elizabeth Stoycheff, Veronica Fahmi, Karin Tarpenning

Absent with notice: Heather Abraham, Cynthera McNeill

Absent: Erin Comartin, Shelly Jo Kraft, Linda Beale, Boris Baltes, Sara Kacin, GEOC TBD, AAUP-AFT TBD

1. Introductions

2. The main order of business was the list of potential topics to work on/ the charges provided by the Policy Committee. The cttee. agreed on the following prioritization.

Fall 2023

- **Review FIG** (First-Year Interest Groups initiative). Guest to be invited: Kelly Dormer, Associate Director for Strategic Academic Initiatives, Provost's Office.
- Development of a plan/ proposal for a **Faculty Club** to help build community and strengthen collegiality. Guest to be invited: Ashley Flintoff, Director, Planning and Space Management, Facilities Planning and Management.
- Reconsideration of the tasks of the **Ombudsperson** and reconfiguration of the office. Guest to be invited: Naida Simon, Provost's Office, interim Co-Ombudsperson.
- Prepare memo that urges the university to **remove University Policies** from Syllabus and move to Canvas (renée c. hoogland).
- **AI** and its consequences/ implications for Faculty and Academic Staff. Guest to be invited: Richard Pineau, Chair of the AS AI Sub-committee.
- Continuation of conversation on **Faculty and Academic Staff workload** and psychological **well being**.
- Inquiry into what **Marketing** does by way of **recruitment**. Guest to be invited TBD.

Carried over from F23 to W24:

- Development of a plan/ proposal for a **Faculty Club**
- **AI** and its consequences/ implications
- **Faculty and Academic Staff workload** and psychological well being

Winter 2024

- Re-initiate conversation about online **SETs**, and SETs per se. Guest to be invited: Boris Baltes, Provost's Office.
- Growing number of **Grievances** filed because of **Administrative intervention in grade complaints/adjustments**. What is the role of faculty on the hearing panel? Consider development of a minimum grade change policy to apply university-wide, including notice to faculty in particulars cases and reporting to faculty. (Pramod Koshla).