School of Learning and Teaching Meeting Minutes

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September 7, 2018, 1:00 p.m., 204 Shibles Hall

Present:
Susan Bennett-Armistead, Rebecca Buchanan, Justin Dimmel, Faith Erhardt, Janet Fairman, Debra Hogate, Sarah Howorth, Beth Hufnagel, Jennifer Isherwood, Casey Kelly, Rich Kent, Tricia Lech, Mary Ellin Logue, Ken Martin, Craig Mason, Tammy Mills, Evan Mooney, Mia Morrison, Dee Nichols, Eric Pandiscio, Johanna Prince, Deborah Rooks-Ellis, Asli Sezen-Barrie, Bryan Silverman, Valerie Smith, Erin Straine, Vi Thai, Shihfen Tu, Jane Wellman-Little

➢ Call to Order
➢ Approval of the Minutes from May’s meeting - Approved
➢ Approval of the Agenda for today’s meeting – Approved with additions

Committee Membership for the Year

1. Graduate Board: Deborah Rooks-Ellis, Eric Pandiscio
2. Curriculum Committee: Rebecca Buchanan, Bryan Silverman
3. Diversity Committee: Sara Flanagan, Tammy Mills, Asli Sezen-Barrie, Faith Erhardt
4. Faculty Senate: Susan Bennett-Armistead is one of our reps for Faculty Senate. She has a scheduling conflict, so we need someone to take her place for this year only or to finish her two year term. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellin Logue.

New Business

1. Welcome new faculty –
   a. Sarah Howorth, faculty in Special Ed
   b. Mia Morrison, instructor for Instructional Technology
   c. Patricia Lech, working in MEPRI and instructor for some Statistics courses
   d. Evan Mooney, instructor in Teacher Ed and assisting with UMaine Gold

2. Transition to a new School Director
   Shihfen Tu will take over as School Director at the end of the fall semester. She will be sending emails to everyone to set up meeting times to discuss the change.

3. Faculty Senate – Dee Nichols
   a. Board of Trustees have signed a ten year contract with Academic Partnerships. This allows them to have campus based conversations. The next phase is up to each campus to decide what they want in regards to Academic Partnerships.
b. Holidays/Religious Holidays – Link on your syllabus to include this information. Arrangements should be made for students who observe these holidays.

4. Communicating About Your Research Workshop – Casey Kelly
The workshop has been rescheduled for Friday, September 21 in 204 Shibles Hall from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. This workshop will cover how to write an informational article for newspapers and online sites, and how to get your information out to other media sources. Contact Roxanne to RSVP.

5. Libra Professorship collaborative with the Native American Center and the Wabanaki Center. Dr. Rebecca Sockbeson is a Penobscot native from this area. Her focus is on Education Policy. We are planning on four visits; with three in the fall and one in the spring. She is going to help us develop a Native American studies course, work on teacher education, and try to develop a cohort from Indian Island. Dates for the visits will be sent out once they are known.

6. Linda Lancaster Professional Development fund. This fund helps doctoral students with travel to workshops and conferences. Encourage your students to get their proposals submitted.

   Bangor Savings supports faculty travel – Form attached.

7. Setting goals for SLT for 2018-2019
   a. How do we want to use our meeting time?
      • School meeting to be more work, discussion, and topic based
      • School & College meetings will not be scheduled in the same months
      • More discussion on School re-organization
      • We need to determine if all these meeting are needed, and who needs to be at them, are there overlap in our committees.
      • Review of documents of the promotion and tenure process
   b. What kinds of experiences do we want to sponsor as PD (for us and our graduate students) or for the greater community? (E.g. research forums, brown-bag topical discussions, film series and discussion, book study, etc.)
      • Looking into a forum or function where grad students and faculty can share their research

8. Promotion & Tenure Committee – Dee Nichols – A information meeting will be arranged for all the faculty on the list for review and reappointment. There is still some confusing on what forms to use.