

FINLANDIA

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Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.
Finnish American Heritage Center

MINUTES

Faculty Present: Fredi deYampert (chair), Tom Adolphs, Rekha Ambardar, Monique Bourdage, Judy Budd, Janice Cox-Adolphs, Rebecca Daly, Carolyn Dekker, Phyllis Fredendall, Richard Gee, Theresa Rajala Halsey, Mary Jane Hatton, Bill Knoblauch, Tracy Lange, Mark Lounibos, Kevin Manninen, Steven Nordstrom, Jason Oyadomari, Nicole Polakowski, Paula Roth, Samantha Saint-Onge, Irina Sergeyeva, Lori Sullivan, Hilary Virtanen, Dylan Weiler, Claudia Youakim

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion: Carolyn Dekker
Second: Bill Knoblauch
Approved
2. Approval of Minutes - January 2018
Motion: Irina Sergeyeva
Second: Theresa Rajala Halsey
Approved

Announcements/Sharing/Updates

1. Advising Workshop and Deadlines – Judy Budd/Jason Sullivan
 - During the third week of March (dates to be distributed), the Advising Committee will host an annual advising workshop for faculty: *Effective Degree Audit Best Practices*. There will be two lunch/learn sessions.
 - Information was distributed from the Registrar's Office on mid-semester grades, second half classes, 2018-19 registration information and summer registration.
 - A 2018 Summer Discounted Course sheet was also distributed.
 - Note to faculty: putting grades in Schoology does not put them in Empower.
 - Online registration open until April 20. Advisors can still register students all summer.
2. What an Experience Event – Denise Vandeville
 - Deadline extended to gain more experiences for auction.
3. Alumni Exhibit – Phyllis Fredendall
 - International School of Art & Design alumni exhibit opens on February 22 followed up by pizza at Nutini's
4. HAIR – Phyllis Fredendall
 - Fiber and Fashion Design students will be showing the musical Hair, March 14 at 7pm in the Jutila Center, Room 323.
 - Dress in your Bohemian Best
 - Free and open to the public
5. Scholarship nominations - Hilary Virtanen

- Nominations are due March 2.
- 6. Pancake Breakfast
 - The Finlandia University Student Nurses Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 24 at Gloria Dei Church in Hancock from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds to benefit the Omega House.

Action Items:

1. WEL 195 Course Proposal
Motion: Jason Oyadomari
Second: Hilary Virtanen
Approved
2. Learning Solutions - HIS 231
Motion: Jason Oyadomari
Second: Mary Jane Hatton
Approved (one opposed)

Discussion Items:

1. Assessment updates - Deferred to next meeting
2. Student Support language for syllabi
 - For the fall 2018, updated language for Syllabi will be available under Student Support Services. Instead of separating, segregating and identifying any special needs groups, all academic support, counseling support, medical support, etc. resources will be listed.
 - As faculty, you will have to update your syllabus each time an agency changes their phone number.
 - A final draft should be finished in March.
3. Anti-plagiarism software
 - Looking for a volunteer to take the lead on this to search for the right software and a price initiative.
 - Needs to be compatible with Schoology.
4. Grant writing process
 - Reminder to let Doreen and your academic Dean know if you plan to apply for a grant. She is tracking those on a spreadsheet to avoid duplicity.
5. REL 236 Course Revision
 - Changed grading from Pass/Fail to a grade on Renee's recommendation.
6. WI courses
List of more writing intensive courses approved by the curriculum committee.
 - a. ENG 350Za
 - b. ENG 350Zb
 - c. ENG 350Zc
 - d. COM 350Z
 - e. ENG 252
 - f. ENG 340
 - g. HIS 407
 - h. REL 250
 - i. NUR 348Z
7. Courses for Learning Solutions (LS) Platform
 - a. ENG 131
 - b. ENG 132s
 - c. MAT 150
 - d. SPT 232

Discussion regarding the review process for courses offered on LS platform

 - The Curriculum Committee reviewed courses as it relates to content and objective to make sure they are consistent with ours. If equivalent, no faculty approval needed.
 - New courses require faculty approval.
 - Need to expand into the growing adult learning market for a single completion program.

- Online platform for brick and mortar courses and students will remain in Schoology and will be taught by our current faculty.

Department Updates

1. VP for Academic Affairs
 - Google Docs – Will move to google docs for meetings.
 - HLC Update - Monday, April 23, is a focus visit not a reaccreditation visit. Focus is on budget, resources, enrollment and outcomes.
2. International School of Art & Design: None
3. College of Health Sciences: None
4. International School of Business
 - BPA Day went well. Bob Jacquart (Stormy Kromer) spoke, very inspiring story.
5. Suomi College of Arts and Sciences: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Laura Shawhan

Attachments:

- Information from the Registrar's Office
- 2018 Summer Discounted Course