Improvement of Learning Committee

Minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting

Members in Attendance:  Cathy Cornett, Kevin Haertzen, Osama Jadaan, Ahyoung Kim, Leonida Ljumanovic, Tera Montgomery, Mittie Nimocks, Nader Safari-Shad, David Schuler, George Smith, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson,

Guests

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Provost Nimocks

2. Val Wetzel brought the Committee up to date on the Spring 2011 Distinguished Lecturer. The Distinguished Lecturer will be Betty DeGeneres, on Wednesday, 03/30/11. The talk and question and answer will be from 10 – 11:30 am, with a book signing from 11:45 – 12:15pm. She fielded questions from the ILC. Val pointed out that the lecturer’s talk had been during the 10 – noon timeblock the last 4-5 years, and usually on Wednesday. Faculty Senate had asked that the talk occur on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. The Kennedy talk last year was on a Friday. SUFAC contributes $15,000 towards the program and the Wilges Foundation account another $15,000. There was some leftover dollars from last year, but none of the money was rolled over. Betty DeGeneres will cost about $15,000, plus around another $2,000 for logistics. Val covered the voting procedure. Osama asked, not to single out the current speaker, but in general was she her on her own merit or because of someone else. Former Distinguished speakers were mentioned, Castro’s daughter, Ghandi’s grandson. Osama indicated that the budget should not be the driving factor in speaker selection, and that the speaker should stand on own weight. It was asked if we could start to review the list earlier. Val indicated that we could start in early January. Osama put forward the idea that we choose a topic and let it drive our selection process for a speaker. It was put forward that we could use our time on 12/07/10 to talk about the topic for the distinguished lecturer. David Schuler indicated that $30,000 is not much for a speaker. He asked if it could be increased to make it more competitive? George Smith mentioned idea of a corporate sponsor. Nader asked about combining our group with the High School group together for the talk. Mittie mentioned that it would be appropriate to ask people to leave quietly. Just before Val left, a message from faculty senate to the ILC was announced stating that student appointments from faculty senate will be forth coming soon.

3. Mittie gave a brief overview of our committee

4. Membership/Composition of our committee was looked over.
5. Our proposed meeting schedule was looked at for the coming school year. Generally the first and third Tuesday of each month.

6. Subcommittees were volunteered for/ assigned.
   (i). Sabbatical Recommendations and Regents Award for Teaching Excellence subcommittee is composed of George Smith, Osama, Jadaan, and Beth Frieders.
   (ii). CIF/SoTL Recommendations and UWP Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence is subcommittee composed of Tera Montgomery, Adam Stanley, Kevin Haertzen, and Cathy Cornett.
   (iii). UWP Service Learning Award and OPID undergraduate Teaching/Learning Award Grants is subcommittee composed of Nader Safari-Shad, George Smith, and Coleen Kaiser.
   (iv). TLC Advisory and Underkofler Award subcommittee is composed of David Schuler, Leonida Ljumanovic, Todd Carothers.
   (v). OPID Conference Development Grants and Distinguished Lecturer is composed of Ahyoung Kim, George Smith, and Sharon Klavins.

7. Kevin Haertzen nominated Keith Thompson for Chair, and it was seconded by Nader Safari-Shad. Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations Keith!

8. George Smith moved for approval of the May 4, 2010 minutes, seconded by Adam Stanley. Passed unanimously.

9. There is an action item to be considered at the October 5, 2010 meeting. We need to determine which subcommittees to delegate the responsibility for the Closing the Achievement Gap and the Supporting the Growth Agenda proposals.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Haertzen