

## **COE FACULTY ASSEMBLY STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes**

**August 28**

**10-12 PM**

**Zoom Teleconference**

**Future FASC dates**

Friday, Oct 09

Friday, Jan 08

Friday, Mar 26

Attendance—Acosta (CCEI), Scott (ESE), Finnegan (Archivist), Emelianchik-Key (CE), Mountford (VP), Frain (President), Catto (OASS), Porcaro (CSD), Dernikos (TL), Liebermann (ELRM), Miller (Sec)

1. Welcomed Melanie Acosta to FA Steering
2. Discussed speakers for FA meetings---
  - COE SAC (Dr. Schoorman & student president—discuss who they are and how faculty can support) (5 minutes)
  - Dr. Brown, Community Engagement Committee (5 minutes)
  - Diversity committee—listening session and diversity. Reporting back (two speakers) and engage faculty in discussion (40 minutes?) feedback from listening sessions and general feedback on diversity session.
    - Discussion regarding possible standing time across FA to diversity issue (standard meeting). Possibly have a FA rep give specific steps regarding FA . This may be a way to move forward.

FA Steering Motion: Diversity will be an item on the agenda for all FA meetings this academic year. Each FA meeting within the diversity component will end with a call to action for departments.

There was a discussion regarding breakout groups & share outs in each FA meeting. FA Steering reps will report back to FA Steering committee re: diversity initiatives. There was a motion to approve the above FA steering motion. Mountford put forth the motion. Porcaro second. All approved.

3. There was a discussion regarding COE issues with teaching during COVID.

Teaching with COVID faculty problems/concerns

- Faculty were concerned regarding increasing the amount of face to face classes. Where does the COE fall in terms of increasing face to face courses? It was pointed out that the COE is the lowest (4%) of face to face classes. There were concerns regarding 30-35 students in class. Union is in process of no raising caps based on the last two years. It was suggested to ask the Dean to discuss cap size and minimum amount of students per class.
- There was a discussion regarding availability of exams for students (FTCE, GK, GRE). It was reported that closing centers are closed or consistently canceling two days prior. Some students are driving hours and having to Uber. This creates more additional costs for our students. This will impact admission and graduation rates. E.g., 120 students in fall from T/L. How do we admit students and how do we graduate students? It was suggested that

the Dean may be able to intervene on the COE faculty behalf with the FAU testing center.

- There was a discussion regarding issues with student teachers and that they may be asked to teach not according to CDC guidelines. A faculty member suggested that we may think about having a statement on FA and COVID in terms of teaching classes.

There was a discussion about paying for parking and if faculty have to pay even though they are working from home. In addition, faculty discussed the type of involvement that occurred across departments. There is variability in terms of faculty involvement. It was suggested that we get the budget from our chairs to share with FA. There was also a discussion regarding faculty access to equipment for distance learning. It was suggested to ask the Dean about the Budget Committee and the current status of this committee.

4. Results/discussion department class buy out results (course release vs. course buyout)
  - a. It was discussed that there needs to more transparency across departments and faculty in regards to buy outs and course releases. The faculty suggested there should be a clear, consistent and thoughtful policy in place for releases.
5. Decided on speakers for the meeting: College of Education Student Achievement Council (SAC) (Dr. Schoorman and student president), COE Community Engagement Committee (Dr. Brown), diversity committee (Dr. Dukes and others)

Approval of April FASC minutes with attendees names added, motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.