Diversity Curriculum Review Committee (DCRC)  
of the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
Waterman 327

Present: Pablo Bose (CAS), Holly Busier (HCOL), Evan Eyler (LCOM), Shana Haines (CESS), Sue Kasser (CNHS, CAC), Jonathan Sands (CEMS), Scott Schaffer (LIB), Tao Sun (CALS), Yolanda Flores (CAS), Thomas Macias (CAS)

Absent: Starr Cobb (SGA), Jarlath O’Neil Dunne (RSEN), Joanne Pencak (GSB)

Guests: Brian Reed

Chair Bose called the meeting to order at 3:03pm in 327 Waterman.

I. Approval of minutes from the February 15, 2018 meeting. The minutes of February 15, 2018 were approved as written.

II. DCRC Chair. If anyone has an interest in becoming the 2018 -2019 DCRC Chair they are encouraged to put their name forward. The Faculty Senate Office will hold elections for this position between the April and May meeting.

III. Updates.

a. No Names for Justice.  
Will be negotiating with administration and the deans. The DCRC and DCRC Assessment Committee will not negotiate with them directly. Both groups will be moving forward with their committees charge until otherwise notified. Course review demands and instructor training are topics of concern for the No Names for Justice Group. Currently it is unclear how these demands will impact the work of these committees.
Currently the Provost Office is working on adding a university fellow for diversity. This position could be an important bridge between the DCRC and other diversity initiatives.

There is information that there are two groups that are interested in changing the current model of the DCRC. Neither group has presented the DCRC with a current proposal. Based on the lack of concrete information the DCRC had an informal conversation on what the proposed changes could mean to the committee.

b. **General Education Coordinating Committee.**
The General Education website will be going live soon.

IV. **Information: Transfer Credit Approvals**
a. **D1 submission.** There was one D1 transfer request. The committee will meet briefly after the DCRC meeting to discuss this request. They will report out at the April meeting the outcome of the discussion.

V. **New designation submissions**
a. **D1**
   i. REL 095: Creating Community: Religion in the US

   Yolanda Flores motioned to approve the proposal, Shana seconded the motion.

   Approve: 9  Oppose: 0  Abstain: 0

   REL 095: Creating Community: Religion in the US is approved.

b. **D2**
   i. HCOL 185: Philosophical Perspectives on Mental Illness

   Tao Sun motioned to approve the proposal, Holly Busier seconded the motion.

   Approve: 9  Oppose: 1  Abstain: 0

   HCOL 185: Philosophical Perspectives on Mental Illness is approved.

   ii. HST 142: Nigeria: Giant of Africa

   Tao Sun motioned to approve the proposal, Evan Eyler seconded the motion.
Approve: 10  Oppose: 0  Abstain: 0

HST 142: Nigeria: Giant of Africa is approved.

VI. Review of Diversity courses. Currently Pablo is working to week through all the diversity course in the DCRC database of courses. He has done the preliminary work to weed out some courses. The next steps will include working with departments to see what courses are still being offered.

VII. Other business
   a. Goals. Adding the goals of the diversity requirement to the syllabi would help increase awareness and promote understanding.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The next meeting of the DCRC is scheduled for April 19, 2018 from 3:00-4:30 in 327 Waterman.