

University Committee Agenda

2/9/2022 3-5 pm

Teams

- Mentoring pilot draft (Shelton)
- Changes to faculty handbook – Ch53
- Recommended names for CATL director search
- Admin review proposal – finishing up (Weinschenk)
- Approval of minutes from Feb. 2

Minutes:

Present: Heidi Sherman, Patricia Terry, Devin Bickner, Jon Shelton, Joan Groessl, Aaron Weinschenk, Dan Kallgren

Guests: Kim Metzger, Victoria Englebert, Ted Evert, Steve Meyer

- Jon Shelton presented the Mentoring Pilot draft and, after soliciting UC feedback, will send the document to the Provost. He will work with CATL to pilot this with 2 mentors that would work with 8 junior faculty or lecturers by providing feedback on classroom observations. The mentor would send a draft letter to CATL and junior faculty could use this in their tenure/promotion files and/or to improve teaching. Mentors would receive a 3 credit reassignment. Jon suggested that, following a call for applications, the mentors could be selected by a committee consisting of 2 UC members and the CATL director. Jon answered a few questions from fellow UC members, who were generally supportive.
- While not on the UC agenda, Heidi Sherman shared that she and chairs of University and Academic Staff shared governance committees met with the Chancellor at his request to discuss the future of the mask policy. The Chancellor queried the group about possibly removing the mask mandate after it expires on Feb. 28, 2022, citing concerns over being sued. He stated that he wants to keep people safe, but is not certain what should replace the current mandate. The UC discussed this and some felt that either 1) waiting until the end of March, after spring break, or 2) removing the mandate after some threshold reduction in covid cases was reached would be more well received.
- The proposal from the Council of Budgetary chairs to edit faculty Code 53.01-53.10 was discussed. The Humanities faculty have expressed some concerns and Patricia

Terry shared that Vallerie M-P reached out to address these concerns. Patricia offered to meet with the Humanities faculty and Val was going to work on finding a date. (For the record, there has been no follow up to this offer.)

- Heidi Sherman reminded us that the Provost requested a list of potential faculty members to serve on the search committee for the CATL director.
- Aaron Weinschenk discussed the status of the Admin review proposal, including input from Christopher Paquette and Melissa Nash. We will invite Melissa to Senate when the proposal is discussed. The proposal will be shared with the Chancellor and Provost for feedback one last time before going to senate. The plan is to start with 2 administrators for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Steve Meyer reminded us that he will need names for the CCN ballot.
- Minutes from 2/2/2022 were approved.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Terry