

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Task Force on Teaching Excellence

March 17, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

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University of North Carolina, Pembroke

Members Present: Charles Beem, Kirill Bumin, Terence Dollard, Scott Hicks, Eun Hee Jeon, Shenika Jones, Zhixin (Richard) Kang, Siva Mandjiny, and Conner Sandefur

Members Absent: Michael Alewine, Cherry Maynor Beasley, Claudia Nickolson, Carla Rokes, and Joe Sciulli

Guests: Beth Holder and Miguel (Miko) Nino

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.
- II. The minutes of the Jan. 19 meeting was approved as presented.
- III. The agenda was adopted as prepared.
- IV. Special Presentation
  - a. Director Miguel (Miko) Nino of Online Learning introduced himself to the Task Force and described the activities he and his colleagues have undertaken to support faculty transitioning face to face instruction to online delivery due to COVID-19.
- V. Reports
  - a. Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Dean Beth Holder of the University College reported the following:
    - i. UC classes are transitioning to online format at the same time that UC advisers are advising, registering, and supporting students during COVID-19.
    - ii. A follow-up visit by John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot of the John N. Gardner Institute is postponed due to COVID-19.
    - iii. A survey of faculty regarding advising garnered 160 responses, with strong feelings at both extremes of whether faculty should or should not advise students.
    - iv. In response, the UC will offer continued training for advising.
  - b. Director Scott Hicks of the TLC referred members to his written report.
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. The Task Force recommended to the provost Principles for the Design, Furnishing, and Technologies of Classrooms, 9-0-0.
- VII. New Business
  - a. The Task Force recommended funding of Grants for Excellence in Teaching & Learning for the period of July 1 to Dec. 31, 2020, as proposed by Astrid Oviedo and Jennifer Jones-Locklear (\$4,598.78), Camille Goins *et al.* (\$15,500), Dana Unger (\$6,968.64), and Joe West (\$400), 9-0-0.

- b. The Task Force recommended funding of Grants for Syllabus Transformation as proposed by Emilia Bak (PRE 2200), Tiffany Locklear (ELE 4110), and Nicole Stargell (CNS 5250), 9-0-0.
- VIII. For the good of the order, members wished each other health and stability during the disruptions created by COVID-19.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.