

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

September 12, 2017, 3:30 p.m.

Livermore Library Conference Room  
University of North Carolina, Pembroke

<b>ARTS</b>	<b>EDUC</b>	<b>LETT</b>	<b>NS&amp;M</b>	<b>S&amp;BS</b>
Carla Rokes (to 2018)	Shenika Jones (to 2019)	Eun Hee Jeon (to 2020)	Siva Mandjiny (to 2018)	Kirill Bumin (to 2019)
Terence Dollard (to 2020)	Joe Sciulli (to 2018)	Charles Beem (to 2019)	Cherry Maynor Beasley (to 2020)	Zhixin (Richard) Kang (to 2018)

Members present: Charles Beem, Eun Hee Jeon, Shenika Jones, Richard Kang, Siva Mandjiny, Carla Rokes, and Joe Sciulli

Members absent: Cherry Maynor Beasley, Kirill Bumin, and Terence Dollard

Guests: Michael Alewine and Scott Billingsley

- I. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. No minutes previous meetings are available.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.
- IV. Reports
  - a. Scott Hicks reviewed the activities of the Teaching & Learning Center since August 2017, and members discussed efforts to establish a University College. Members are invited to take part in TLC-sponsored efforts related to the development of a University College.
- V. New Business
  - a. Review of TLC mission, vision, and core values
    - i. Members discussed extant statements of the TLC's mission and expressed support for moving forward with rewriting a mission statement (to encompass such ideas as tackling problems, sharing and swapping, embracing the role of senior faculty to mentor and share best practices, bringing in external speakers and experts, embracing internal experts, facilitating writing groups, supporting faculty in navigating paths to tenure and promotion, prioritizing support of new faculty, connecting with the community, providing professional development, and/or supporting research development) and writing vision and core values statements (to encompass creating makerspaces, prioritizing support of new faculty, and valuing problem-solving, collaboration, confidentiality, on-campus expertise and knowledge, innovation,

and community) in order to guide future TLC activities and funding.

b. Review of TLC grants, awards, and financial resources (See Appendices C and D)

- i. The committee supports transferring to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs some funds currently allocated to the TLC for the purposes of Summer Research Fellowship, with the expectation that such transfer would lead to more comprehensive, seamless, sustained, and in-kind support for faculty research beyond a faculty member's first three years. Moreover, it is the committee's expectation that funds currently allocated to Summer Research Funds that remain under TLC auspices shall be used for programming more fully aligned with the TLC's mission and vision.

VI. Old Business

- a. There was no old business.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m., and a next meeting will be scheduled, using Doodle (<https://doodle.com/poll/ew36hbhrsi4rkdhn>), for mid-November.