Committee on Teaching
Minutes
April 10, 2013
470 Zilber Hall (3:30 to 5:00 pm)

Recorder: Jim Pokrywczynski

Members Present: Jay Caulfield (Chair), Evelyn Donate-Bartfield, Subhash Bhatnagar, Kristin Haglund, John (Jack) Moyer, James Pokrywczynski, Shaun Longstreet, Alan Burkard, Joe Daniels.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:35.

II. The reflection was given by Jay Caulfield.

III. Minutes of March 6 meeting approved.

IV. New Business
   a. Announcements: Slight changes to agenda (discussion of Way-Klinger awards rubric moves to next meeting given Gary Meyer’s absence).
      i. May 2 online learning event 3-4:30, AMU 227, with hopes most committee members will attend. Discussion ensued on pros and cons of online courses in its various forms. Issues raised included whether undergrads or graduate(professional) students function better with online, better fit for some fields and topics than others, effects of online on traditional teaching (resources, workload, different achievement levels, etc), transfer credits.
   b. Alan Burkard agreed to serve as COT chair for 2013-14. Caulfield made motion to accept, Moyer seconded, vote was unanimous in favor.
   c. Feedback from committee members discussion of taking MOCES in class rather than relying on students to complete on own. Some members had no opportunities yet to discuss with faculty. Others heard issues from faculty colleagues including:
      i. In class led to longer comments, not more comments, which was seen as negative.
      ii. Increase participation percentage a benefit cited in favor.
      iii. Several believed focus needs to be on improving MOCES, not getting more evaluations.
      iv. Sacrificing class time a negative raised.

CONCLUSIONS: More time needed to assess faculty/students insights, seek more formalized survey of faculty/students insights, review MOCES measures. Two motions were forwarded to Academic Senate.

MOTION 1: We as COT encourages (but not requires) use of web base devices
for collecting class evaluations during class time to gather more information, encourage but not require. VOTE: Unanimous
MOTION 2: We as COT support the use of the online/blended course evaluation instrument for all such relevant classes (D1,D2, blended) beginning summer 2013. VOTE: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:
May 1, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Pokrywczynski