Committee on Teaching
Minutes October 9, 2019
Zilber Hall 470, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Members Present: Abigail Bernhardt (GSO), Gee Ekachai, Cynthia Ellwood, Jill Guttormson (Chair), Kaitlyn Hill (MUSG), Julian Hills, Laurieann Klockow, Jennifer Maney, Dragomir Marinkovich, John Su
Reflection: Gee Ekachai
Recorder: Jill Guttormson

I. Minutes from Wednesday, September 11, 2019 were approved

II. Ben Kemp of Office of Student Educational Services on student retention and CIVITAS
   a. Persistence rates
      i. 89% 1 to 2 year
      ii. 84% 1 to 3 year
      iii. 81% 1 to 4 years
   b. Trends in persistence
      i. Different across colleges
      ii. Different across student demographics/characteristics
         1. Lower rates
            a. First generation
            b. Students of color; particularly African American
            c. Male students
   c. Initiatives to close gap in retention rates
      i. Student focused experience through changes to advising, teaching, administration, and culture
      ii. CIVITAS (a leader in Data Analytics in education) offers student data management systems including Illume and Inspire
         1. Ease data retrieval pertaining to student academics (Inspire)
            a. Messages/communications in academic advising
            b. Current grades
            c. Pulls data from D2L and Checkmarq
            d. Embedded academic early alert system
         2. creation of models for student success (Illume)
            a. ID barriers to student success
            b. ID students at risk (before problems occur)
            c. ID likelihood
      iii. Reboot Retention Committee to utilize data analytics
   d. Opportunities and actions needed from faculty
      i. Increase use of D2L gradebook
      ii. Time in CoT to demonstrate use of new products in January/February and discuss roll out/use and how to incentivize utilization
III. Barnes & Noble College Updates: Jenny Alexander and Pete Franck (Bookmarq manager)
   a. B&N arrived on campus in July; brief discussion on roll out of new book store
   b. Faculty Adoptions
      i. Early faculty adoption of materials is key to student savings
      ii. Adoption Insights Portal
         1. New book submission platform
         2. Features
            a. Displays archived book adoptions
            b. Displays cost of adoptions
            c. Suggestions for more affordable options
            d. One click re-adoption
            e. Ability to research materials used in similar courses at other institutions
            f. Ability of administrators
      3. Live version available in November to view
      iii. CURRENT book adoptions (for Spring 2019) via email
         1. Currently B&N can’t send emails directly to all faculty
            a. Can this be changed?
      iv. **Don’t wait to adopt; adopt early!!
   c. Bookstore Innovation Group is forming
      i. Evaluation of current and alternative models of course material distribution MU uses (e.g. flat fee for all courses)
      ii. Advisory group on current course material practice/distribution

IV. Updates
   a. Teaching Enhancement Award now open. Encourage applications!!
   b. Teaching Excellence Award Timeline
      i. October 14 to faculty via email
      ii. October 21 in news brief
      iii. Nov. 15 nomination deadline
      iv. Nov. 22 CoT review
      v. Dec. 2 semi-finalist notification
      vi. February: dossiers to CoT
      vii. March: ratings due and recommendations from CoT to Provost
   c. Imani Perry coming to speak on campus April 2020
   d. Guidance around teaching evaluations from American XXX Society?
      i. Focus on student feedback, peer letters, self-reflection

V. Community of Practice Discussion: A Talk to Teachers By James Baldwin