Committee on Teaching
Minutes of meeting held Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Zilber Hall 470, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Members Present: Terence Au; Abigail Bernhardt (GSO); Jake Carpenter; Gee Ekachai; Cynthia Ellwood; Kaitlyn Hill (MUSG); Julian Hills; Laurieann Klockow; Jennifer Maney; Dragomir Marinkovich; Terence Ow; John Su

Also Present: 2019 Teaching Enhancement Award recipients: Lynne Knobloch-Fedders (CECP); Mauricio Garnier-Villarreal (Nursing); Brooke Magnus (Nursing) – see item 5, below.

Excused: Jill Guttormson (Chair); Jennifer Maney, Lynn Bryan

1. Presider: In Jill Guttormson’s absence due to illness, Laurieann Klockow presided.


4. Selection of Chair for Spring 2020 was discussed briefly, but question not yet settled.

5. Report from three-member Teaching Enhancement Award winning group (3:35-4:08 p.m.): Drs. Knobloch-Fedders, Garnier-Villarreal, and Magnus gave a detailed but accessible report on their work, the project entitled “Development of an Interdisciplinary Curriculum to Advance Graduate-Level Research Training.” Valuable two-page summary distributed. Extensive discussion with CoT members of the pros and cons of various possible choices of data analysis software. Rationale for selecting R. Concluding discussion began to respond to the team’s challenge to MU: (1) How might this project be used to make an impact across campus? (2) Are other campus initiatives under way to promote graduate-level research and data analysis training? (3) One barrier to offering higher-level data analysis coursework involved credit limits in the various graduate programs. Any possible solutions? One CoT member suggested that MU faculty and grad. students might be invited to participate in boot-camp style training (say, one week) in R.

6. Update re: letter(s) [re: distinct gifts, needs] to departments / areas – To be sent a.s.a.p., with suitable refinements as appropriate for each dept. / college / area / program. Response “due date” of Fri., Dec. 13 (= last day of exam week). To be returned to College / School rep.

7. Update re: Teaching Enhancement Award and Teaching Excellence Award – John Su. Synthesis of data to be sent out before next meeting.

8. Community of Practice Discussion: (a) Marquette Climate Survey, (b) Experience of University Students of Color – Cynthia Ellwood. Substantial but regrettably brief discussion – very full prior agenda. We shall revisit the two documents in question.

Meeting adjourned at a little after 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Julian Hills