

DCEC Meeting
February 15, 2011
1:30 pm, Room 221

AGENDA

Present: Anna Fernandez, Darla Homan, Mark Threeton, David Fuentes, Richard Hazler, Andrea McCloskey, Su Young Kang, Gail Boldt, Jeanine Staples, Joe Valente, Teresa Abdulbaaqee, Claude Mayo, Elizabeth Mellin, Jeanine Staples, Blaire Toso, Tracy Kao, Laura Katunich, Robert Clark, Carol Fantaskey, Anna Fernandez, Elizabeth Smolcic, Maria Schmidt, Sandra Rodriguez

Introduction to our new DCEC GA, Tracy Kao.

January minutes approved as amended

Subcommittee Reports

Climate/Community:

Discussed concerns about how the subcommittees work within the larger committee. Motion made and approved to announce subcommittee meetings to entire DCEC. Meetings will be scheduled at the convenience of the members, but open to all DCEC members. Tracy will set up a list-serv to facilitate this. In the meanwhile, announcements of meetings can be sent to Gail to forward.

April 17th is Cyclethon, on Blue and White weekend. Cross-departmental competitions were discussed with the event coordinator, Phil. Pretzel social March 1 and March 23rd, 11 am – 1 pm, in Chamber foyer.

Theme:

Jeanine reported on plans for the DCEC forum. Jeanine confirmed that the event will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn on April 22, noon – 4 pm.

Jeanine distributed a draft for the forum flyer for feedback and revisions. Jeanine will take feedback provided and continue to work on flyer revisions via email.

Ana reported on possibilities for a guest speaker. Ana will take nominations from the committee via email and we will decide on a speaker based on those nominations. Discussion of theme and length of talk.

Additional ideas for forum were contributed and discussed. Gail committed to asking undergrad participants to create hand-outs for take-away materials. Members raised concerns over possible “problem content” presented. Participants will submit an “intent to participate” form to Tracy and we can review for numbers of participants and to look for problems. Maria will be present early and can also look at displays and talk with students as work goes up.

Undergrad Membership:

David requested and a motion was made and passed to include undergrad involvement on the DCEC.

Subcommittee will work on a poll will be made to elicit student ideas about how the committee can serve the population. Tracy can help with this.

Resources:

Maria reported on work of the resources subcommittee. The DCEC website requires organization work. Subcommittee will work with Tracy on this.

Maria led a discussion on how to make the DCEC and its resources more visible to the college at large. Resources subcommittee will oversee a project to get DCEC members to write mini article/columns for the Connections newsletter. An example was provided. They can work with Tracy to solicit and collect these.

New Business

Gail led a discussion on the role of subcommittees in relation to committee of the whole. As the DCEC has grown larger and is undertaking more initiatives, the relationship between the committee of the whole and the subcommittees has been changing but it has not been discussed. Gail noted the following practices as the new norm for DCEC operations:.

- * The subcommittees recommending actions to the committee of the whole.
- * The committee of the whole is responsible for responding to subcommittee recommendations with questions, critiques and suggestions.
- * Voting and authorization occurs in the committee of the whole and not in subcommittees.
- * Subcommittees are authorized to carry out the work agreed upon by the committee of the whole.

Discussion of whether meetings should be opened up to the entire college. The Community Enhancement subcommittee will consider this possibility.

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