

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning

December 1st, 2016

10:30am – noon

Mary Gates Hall 206

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Review of the Minutes from November 3, 2016
 3. Information Items
 - a. 2016 Active Learning Open House – Amanda Hornby
 - b. Active Learning and Technology – Mike Brown, UW Earth & Space Sciences
 4. Canvas Commons Rollout – Karin Roberts, UW-IT
 5. Working Group Updates
 - a. Best Practices in Online/Hybrid Teaching and Learning Environments
 - b. Cataloging Assessment and Improvement of Teaching & Learning Across Colleges
 - c. Diversity- and Equity-Informed Pedagogies
 - d. Teaching and Learning Effectiveness for Part-Time Lecturers
 - e. Teaching Effectiveness
 6. Good of the Order Adjourn
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1) Call to Order

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2) Review of the minutes from November 3, 2016

The November 3rd, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

3) Information Items

The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring two events on teaching post the national election. The first is on December 2nd, and the other is on December 12th.

2016 Active Learning Open House – Amanda Hornby

Amanda Hornby, ALUW Representative, gave an update on the active learning open house. The theme of the event was active learning across disciplines.

Active Learning and Technology – Mike Brown, UW Earth & Space Sciences

Mike Brown (UW Earth & Space Sciences) gave a presentation on active learning and technology. He gave a hands on demonstration of the techniques he uses during his classes. He used to teach his class in

the traditional lecture style, but now uses hands on and active learning, which has led to improved grades and scores for his students. Brown spent a year making videos with a green screen to help his students before class.

Chair Turner pointed out that there is a bureaucratic process that faculty have to go through to try and use UW resources, and it may be likely easier to try and implement new techniques on one's own. This presents a significant barrier to faculty who may be interested in active learning techniques. Hornby suggested that the Zoom conference room (Odegaard Library 320) may be a helpful resource.

Tom Lewis (Director of Academic and Collaborative Applications, UW-IT) said there will not be services for editing videos, but it may be possible to have a room setup for faculty to record videos.

4) Canvas Commons Rollout – Karin Roberts, UW-IT

Karin Roberts (Canvas Service Manager, UW-IT) presented her PowerPoint on Canvas Commons. Canvas Commons allows faculty to find quizzes on their subject that have been submitted by other users and customize them to fit their own needs. UW-IT is targeting a February 2017 release date.

5) Working Group Updates

The working group members gave updates on their progress and the council discussed the best way forward to accomplish their goals.

6) Good of the Order

Rovy Brannon announced the distinguished lifelong learning award, which will be awarded in February.

Nana Lowell discussed a survey on online vs in-person courses. It is harder to get students to respond to course evaluations when it is an online course, she explained.

7) Adjourn

The council adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes by Jordan Smith, jsmith4@uw.edu, assistant to the secretary of the faculty

Present: **Faculty:** Ellen McGough, Dan Turner (chair), Jennifer Taggart, Timea Tihanyi, Kathleen Peterson, Mark Zachry, Thomas Halverson
Ex-officio reps: Amanda Hornby, Alexandra Walls, Maria Zontine
President's designee: LeAnne Jones Wiles
Guests: Tom Lewis, Nana Lowell, Rovy Brannon, Mike Brown, Karin Roberts

Absent: **Faculty:** David Masuda, Kimberlee Gillis-Bridges, Fred Bookstein, Jan Spyridakis
Ex-officio reps: Eldridge Alcantara