



Reading, Foundations, and Technology

Faculty Meeting
September 24, 2021
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Hill Hall 300

Attendees

Brandon Aigner, Jamie Atkinson, Ching-Wen Chang, Pamela Correll, Stacie Finley, Stephanie Huffman, Steve Jones, Kewman Lee, Kayla Lewis, Annice McLean, Sarah Nixon, Cathy Pearman, Dennis Rudnick, Becky Swearingen

Absences:

Julia Novakowski

Guest:

Russ Brock, Director for Agency for Teaching, Leading, and Learning (ATLL) – ATLL provides professional development for 94 school districts. ATLL has a contract with DESE to provide training and has 23 full-time consultants. How can ATLL connect with RFT? ATLL has workshops that you can enroll in for free. They have two new literacy consultants. Their focus is the implementation of the science of reading primarily K-2, but also to build on what works well on children expanding their reading ability as they move to upper grades.

Action Items:

Approve August 20, 2021 Minutes – Correction to minutes “Dr. Correll will replace Dr. Lewis. Dr. Pearman will replace Dr. Atkinson.” Dr. Pearman made motion to accept minutes with correction; Dr. Chang second, minutes accepted.

Sarah Keeth – Professional Graduate Faculty Status – Dr. Jones made motion to accept application, Dr. Atkinson second; application accepted.

Added to agenda: Sarah Marten and Allison Smith – Professional Graduate Faculty Status Application
Dr. Swearingen moved to vote on applications; Dr. Nixon second; faculty will vote

Sarah Marten – Professional Graduate Faculty Status – Dr. Swearingen made a motion to accept application; Dr. Atkinson second; application accepted

Allison Smith – Professional Graduate Faculty Status – Dr. Pearman moved to accept application; Dr. Atkinson second; application accepted

EDC 150 Curriculum Proposal – Dr. Pearman made a motion to accept changes; Dr. Atkinson second; changes accepted

EDT Curriculum Proposal – Dr. Nixon made a motion to accept changes; Dr. Lewis second; changes accepted

P&T Wording – Drs. Nixon and Chang

Plagiarism Reports – tabled to next faculty meeting October 22

Pay for Publication Wording - tabled

Information Items:

Update RFT Graduate Faculty Status criteria wording – RFT has it listed as “Clinical Graduate Faculty”; Graduate College has it listed as “Professional Graduate Faculty”. Do we want to change the name to align with Graduate College? Dr. Atkinson made a motion to move to an action item; Dr. Chang second; approved for an action item. Dr. Chang made a motion to change the word “Clinical” to “Professional”; Dr. Rudnick second; motion passed.

New faculty position – Dr. Huffman reported COE is waiting to find out if frozen faculty lines will become open. Dr. Huffman would like to have two tenure track lines and one clinical instructor line.

Mentor meetings - Please meet monthly with your mentor.

Watermark Faculty Success (Digital Measures) – Make sure to keep up-to-date.

RFT new faculty guide – Dr. Huffman would like to have a guide for new faculty to have when they are hired.

Anticipated Travel Form – due October 15

Public Affairs Conference 9/27 – 9/30/21 - Dr. Atkinson is a host and moderator. Zoom links are available for the sessions on the Public Affairs website.

RFT fun night - bowling – October 13 at Enterprise Lanes

Homecoming - October 16 COE will have a tent.

Spring schedule - Students register October 26. If you have any schedule changes, they need to be made immediately.

Book Adoptions – October 15 is the deadline

Graduate Assistant reminder/update – it is going well with the GA's in the RFT office. They are working hard on projects.

Student nominee to serve on College Council – if you know an undergraduate student, put their name forward.

Covid updates – There has been discussion about the mask policy. You cannot ask a student whether or not they have been vaccinated.

#bearsgive – fundraiser - donations from alumni to go to each college

Annual review non-tenured faculty – Dr. Huffman created an electronic folder system with links to help organize and have consistency with portfolios. This should make it easier for RPT committee to find and review the information. University is trying to move to an electronic format.

Annual review tenured faculty – brief narrative for scholarship, service, & teaching

Share & Brag - Drs. Jones and Lewis were a part of the Centennial webinar. Dr. Jones reported the webinar was good.

Committees:

BSED – (e-report) Dr. Aigner/Lee/Novakowski

COE Assessment – Dr. Atkinson reported have not met.

COE Budget – Dr. Lewis reported have not met.

COE Diversity Taskforce – Dr. Rudnick reported realigning some of the subcommittee work.

COE Dean's Search – Dr. Jones reported a 40 day period between the day advertised to first date of consideration.

COE Tech Support Search – Dr. Chang reported applicants have been narrowed down to three.

College Council - Dr. Chang reported SEC 302 curriculum change passed. If you need to change periodicity of a course do not have to complete a course proposal.

EDC 345 – Dr. Rudnick reported gathering a lot of data pre and post on all seven sections to determine the impact of EDC 345.

Ed.D. Taskforce – Dr. Jones reported this has stalled.

EPPC – Dr. Finley reported programs are reviewing the GPA requirements for admission into teacher education. Reconfiguring and restructuring some of the committees under the EPPC.

EPPC Diversity – Dr. Rudnick reported trying to make sure they do not have too much overlap.

Faculty Advisory Council – Dr. Pearman reported have not met.

Faculty Concerns – (e-report) Dr. Correll

Faculty Senate – (e-report) Dr. Nixon

Graduate Council – Dr. Chang reported students that are completing thesis due date is November 22.

Graduate Program Advisory – Dr. Chang reported have not met.

MSED - Dr. Finley reported have not met.

Personnel Committee – Dr. Chang reported will work on the verbiage.

RFT Actions Workgroup Reports

Group 1 – Atkinson, McLean, Pearman, Rudnick – Dr. Atkinson reported charged with strengthen and expand reciprocal partnerships with PreK-12 schools; and develop and expand reciprocal partnerships with community organizations focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- Examining ways we can begin to utilize Greenwood for its original intent and purpose. Rebuild and strengthen connections with Greenwood.
- Develop and disseminate a needs survey to determine what southwest Missouri area public school administrators, teachers, and student teachers need from COE.
- Sponsor a coding or robotics competition for problem solving/critical thinking for the southwest Missouri area middle school students

Group 2 – Aigner, Correll, Jones - Dr. Aigner reported charged with enhance student and faculty global engagement.

- Study abroad programs. Take a larger part in study abroad fair. Luncheon hosted by Education Abroad for faculty in order to assist us better understand how to create more opportunities for students.
- Dr. Aigner is talking with the Advisement Office about different opportunities – even student teaching on military bases. This has been done in the past.
- Human Library project – gathering more information on this.

Group 3 – Finley, Lewis, Novakowski, Swearingen – Dr. Lewis reported charged with develop, enhance, and promote programs responsive to student and community needs; and integrate high impact practices that develop engaged citizen scholars.

- Connecting with PreK-12 schools to find out what gaps they have, how we can address their needs, and prepare our students to be better teachers.
- Expanding social media and marketing.
- Connecting with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, CNAS, and the Wolf School.
- Monthly get together to talk about research or teaching ideas.

Group 4 – Chang, Lee, Nixon – Dr. Lee reported charged with enhance college-wide commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and develop a supportive and welcoming environment where all students can pursue personal growth and academic success

- Mentoring system
- ATLL and FCTL inviting guest speaker
- ELI
- Flexibility with schedules and due dates to help students with access and retention
- Different times of availability with students and for students
- Short-term projects have them community based
- Providing links and resources to campus organizations and events that can be posted to Blackboard

Scholarship Committee – Dr. Lee nothing to report.

SEC 302 – Dr. Novakowski

Sustainability Committee – Dr. Novakowski

Teacher Ed. Living and Learning – Ms. McLean reported looking at activities: dinner with the dean, a table at homecoming, and if Sunshine elementary has a fall festival, students volunteer there. Committee members made house calls at the dorm.

EPPC Screening – Dr. Swearingen is proud of RFT. Committee has not had to send one RFT proposal back.

Additional committee reports as needed