

## TPAC faculty end-of-semester meeting May 12 2021

### AGENDA for TPAC meeting May 12, 2021

- I. Introductions / Welcome
- II. Webpage redesign
- III. Mentoring program
- IV. By Laws and Constitution
- V. Reports from committee representatives:
  - Faculty senate:
  - Academic council:
- VI. Reopening Fall 2021
  - Reopening Committee:
- VII. New members that did not introduce themselves last fall.
  - 1) Opening remarks by Tatiana Botero, meeting is recorded and minutes will be available.
  - 2) We want to avoid publishing outdated information on the website, so we need to update bylaws and constitution first. Provost's office will be able to assist with managing the website for us.
  - 3) Mentoring program - provost's office is in charge. Maria McKenna is a committee member and sent a report - working to establish a mentor-mentee relationship for all TPAC library and research faculty who are new or rank of assistant to begin in Fall 2021. Potential candidates will be contacted, as well as potential mentors.
  - 4) Almost done with revision of bylaws and constitution to reflect current name as well as some , hoping to finish by the end of the summer and prior to the Fall 21 semester. We plan to send those out for approval/vote before the fall semester begins, and then be able to upload the updated bylaws on the website.
  - 5) Reports from committee members:
    - a) Anna Geltzer - faculty senate - differences in the treatment of teaching evaluations across colleges as well as departments within the same college. Feel free to reach out to the representatives to communicate your concerns. Some concerns about changing teaching loads, as well as service. Not equitable. (Jessica McManus Warnell suggested to create a survey about teaching loads, servic, evaluation experiences?). Comments: 2 credit courses - faculty need to

teach more to make up, but when teaching 4 credit course, it only counts as one.  
Denise Della Rossa and Alex Ambrose volunteered to work on the survey.

- b) Elena Mangione-Lora - sabbatical option? Keep discussion on the table. Perhaps a subcommittee could formalize a proposal that would be sent to vote to the whole group. Elena Mangione-Lora, Tiziana Serafini, Jessica McManus Warnell, Judy Fox, Angela R. Logan, Alex Ambrose, Shauna Williams, Connie Mick and Mark Olsen volunteered to join committee.
  - c) Connie Mick - academic council - approved new program PhD in Analytics, MS in Global Health (from 1 to 2 year program), new UG major in Education, Schooling, and Society, new designation for University Ethics center, PhD in Management, Lucie Family institute, environmental research institute.
- 6) Reopening for Fall 2021 - From Maria McKenna: students at 89% including grad and prof 90.4%. Faculty between 69-70%, staff 53%-54%. No clarity on what fall will be like. But we do know - normal distancing, high likelihood of masks indoors.
- i) Some conversation about vaccination mandate for staff and faculty but has not been put in place.
- 7) Encourage to communicate questions and concerns via the established [google form](#).
- 8) New members welcome
- 9) We may need to do a Fall welcome mixer at the start of the term!