

Minutes from Meeting 1 of the Fall 2020 Faculty Professional Development Online Committee

Minutes Written—October 22, 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees

Paul Bowers

Elaine Briggs

Stephanie Bundy

Peggy Emde

Audrey Schmitz

Notes from the Meeting

The Faculty Professional Development Committee gathers feedback via virtual meetings at the preference of the committee.

A Google ballot was sent on September 15, 2020 by Committee Chair DeLisa Ging.

On October 16, 2020, a revised professional development slate was sent to the committee. This revised slate was offered to reduce the expenses of the professional development program.

Actions Voted on by the Staff Professional Development Committee

The following professional development sessions received a majority vote by the Faculty Professional Development Committee.

Tuesday, February 23rd - Creating Transparent Assignments for Diverse Learners

Dr. Tammy Barbe, Associate Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs at Mercer University, will talk about creating transparent

assignments to reach diverse learners. Do you want to increase your students' confidence in their ability to succeed in college? Would you like to receive fewer assignment questions and grade disputes next term? Using an evidence-based approach, you will learn how to transform assignments into transparent assignments and create new assignments with maximum transparency. You can implement this three-step method in any classroom regardless of course level, delivery method, or class size. Transparent assignments can increase the quality of student work and decrease the amount of time spent grading assignments. The method is simple, and the return on investment is immediate and profound. Participants will examine the benefits of transparency in higher education, explore the key components of transparent assignments, critique assignments for transparency, and design a transparent assignment. This presentation is at no cost.

Tuesday, February 25th - Emotional Intelligence and Hardiness in Challenging Times

Steven Stein, a key consultant for many military and government agencies within the United States and Canada, will share strategies and tactic for dealing with the psychological aspects of challenging times. Using emotional intelligence, mindset, and hardiness, along with specific tactics for managing stressful situations, participants will learn why these frameworks are essential when navigating challenging times. This prerecorded webinar is at no cost.

Tuesday, March 9th - Learning Your Communication Style: How to Get Along with (Almost) Anyone

Peggy Greenberg, with over 30 years of experience in staff and organization development, will inform on the best way to build a better understanding of personal communication styles and their effects on other people. This webinar will identify an individual's dominant communication style—direct, spirited, considerate, or systematic—and the communication behaviors that distinguish it. This prerecorded webinar is at no cost.

Thursday, March 11th - Teaching Equity with Empathy

Dr. Jessica Calarco, Professor at Indiana University Bloomington, will discuss the challenges students, especially marginalized students, face during these challenge times. She will share equitable and empathetical teaching approaches to help students succeed. This prerecorded webinar is at no cost.

Tuesday, April 6th - Using Virtual Games to Enhance the Classroom Experience

Dr. Stephanie Bundy, NOC Language Arts Instructor, will show how she uses virtual gaming to enhance the classroom experience and motivate her students. This presentation is at no cost.

Next Meeting Agenda Item

The next meeting will be to vote in late January 2021 on the fall 2021 professional development offerings via a Google ballot unless the need arises for a sooner meeting date.