**University Council on Teaching**

**Minutes 2-19-2015**

In Attendance: Jeff Cohen (Chair), Kathy Bailey, Julian Bourg, Pat DeLeeuw, Audrey Friedman, John Rakestraw, Danielle Taghian, Jessica Pesce, Jackie Lerner

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## Discussion and Brainstorming on CTE (3-3:30PM)

### John Rakestraw—Update on CTE and *“Excellence in Teaching Day”*

* This has been part of an organic move within the Center itself to rethink the CTE identity.
* **Target Date**: May 13th
* **Guest Speakers**: Identified 2 Guest Speakers for Excellence in Teaching Day
	+ (1) Silvia Bungee – Neuroscience
	+ (2) Mike Wesch – Cultural Anthropologists
		- “Digital Ethnography”
		- Very provocative teaching methods. Talks about teaching and learning as “soul making.”
* **Agenda for the Day:** Main Topic for the Day: “What does excellence in teaching mean at Boston College?”
	+ *Morning Session*: Presentations by both guest speakers
	+ *Lunch (Keynote address)*
	+ *Afternoon Session*: Hold workshops until approximately 3:15PM

*\*\*\* Objective is to design an event that will be meaningful for drop*-*ins throughout the day\*\*\**

* **Potential Discussions Topics**
	+ “Gamification” of education
	+ How to ensure that students understand ***WHY*** they are learning what they are learning
		- Value of Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic rewards
	+ Interdisciplinary teaching – How to do this and do it well?
		- Team Teaching / Collaborative Teaching
* **Promoting this Event: Encouraging Participation from BC Faculty**
	+ BC Faculty Panel – This may be something that could be incorporated in the afternoon workshop sessions
	+ Positioning this as an End of the Year, Culminating event in order to encourage participation.
	+ Communicating this as a priority at all Faculty meetings, board of chair meetings, etc.

### Active Learning Workshop (April 30th at 3:00PM)

* Guest Lecturer from Harvard
* Thursday, April 30th at 3:00 PM

### Director of Faculty Program Search – Update

* 60+ qualified candidate applications are currently being evaluated by a search community
* Conducting interviews at some point later in the Spring

## Discussion of TAM and TAME Grants (3:30-3:45PM)

### Pat DeLeeuw – Provided Update on Awards

* Currently have 3 Applications for TAM Grants and 5-6 Applications for the TAME Grants-have up to 75 K to allocate
* *Short-term goal*: Put together a sub-committee to select recipients
	+ Jeff Cohen
	+ Kathy Bailey
	+ Danielle Taghian
	+ Pat DeLeeuw
* *Long-term goal*: Begin the process of rethinking these awards overall
	+ How can we better promote these awards?
	+ How can we encourage more applications from faculty? More publicity?
	+ Should this entire process be part of the CTE moving forward?
	+ TAM winners from last semester should come and speak, perhaps in our spring meetings.
	+ We should examine TAM awards in the future to see if this is the best way to use and administer the money.
	+ Host a Recipient Lunch (Old and New)
		- This would be an opportunity to share success stories

\*\*\*THIS TOPIC WILL BE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT UTC MEETING\*\*\*

## Proposal for Teaching Excellence Awards

### Jeff Cohen – Update

* How to extend Teaching Excellence Awards to each of the schools (CSOM, Lynch School, Social Work, and A&S)
* **Selection Process**
	+ Nominations from students (graduate and undergraduate)
	+ Following student input, all nominations will be reviewed by a faculty committee.
* **Risks (in terms of Junior Faculty)**
	+ Receiving a teaching award as a junior faculty member can sometimes have negative connotations about the individual’s research capabilities.