

**University Council on Teaching
Meeting of Febraury 12, 2014
Waul House Presentation Room
10:30-12:00**

Present: Jackie Lerner (Chair), Kathy Bailey, Sue Barrett, Pat DeLeeuw (guest), Thomas Groome, Vidya Madhavan, Michael Martin, Katie McInnis-Dittrich

Minutes: Minutes from December 11, 2013 were distributed electronically for approval.

Business:

1. Update on TAMs and TAMEs: Jackie reported that \$240,000 would be available for teaching, advising and mentoring grants, a much higher figure than in the past, but this needs to be confirmed. Pat will report back on the figure at the next UCT meeting.

2. Discussion of Report of Faculty Committee on Undergraduate Women: Pat reported that there is a national conversation currently underway concerning the academic self-perception of undergraduate women, with articles appearing in the Chronicle of Higher Education and USA Today,

Jackie noted that research on national developmental norms in adolescents shows self esteem in girls goes up after high school and stabilizes in college. Therefore, the issues identified in the Report deserve attention.

Kathy reported that part of the Report was discussed in a meeting of the Athletic Advisory Board, especially page 15, which states that one of the two college experiences that negatively correlates with women's academic skills self-rating is participation in intercollegiate sports (the other is failing a course). Vidya suggested that coaches should be made aware of this finding and address it with their teams. She also noted that targeted programs for specific groups of women might be more effective than global programs, although these are also needed.

Tom suggested that the model of the online academic tutorial could be used for incoming students to make them aware of what constitutes sexual misconduct. This would also make them conscious of and responsible for their behavior. Bystander awareness education is already mandated for first year students. The Women's Resource Center, the Sexual Assault Network and the Office of Residential Life have teamed up on occasion to raise awareness about sexual assault. An informal group, Students for Sexual Health, has also done programming on these issues. Sue raised the question of how many students are reached by these programs.

The committee expressed interest in invirn irn ir-6(.)]infr-6(.)]i-7teeis-2(-7-4(1)-6(d)2(ir-6(.)] i)-2(nc)4(5 in)2)6v

3. Kathy brought up the issue of BOC's new policy that requires a minimum of 25 people at all dinners that they cater. This puts a huge strain on department budgets and undermines the efficacy of student faculty relationships at these events. Dinners and discussions that follow a lecture by a guest speaker serve as an excellent way for faculty and students to interact, for faculty to mentor, assist and support students, and to carry out one of the main missions of the university. But groups of 25 are simply too unwieldy and costly to carry out these objectives. Jackie will follow up with Pat Bando.

4. Agenda items for future discussion: follow up on Advisor Questionnaires presented by Don Hafner, gmail for faculty, visit from Nick Gozik (OIP).

Next Meeting: March 12 10:30-12:00 in Waul House