

UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Monthly Meeting, April 30, 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

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Attending: Catherine Ross (President), Kenneth Roemer, Brent Iverson, Diana Dominguez, Hector Aguilar, Susan Doty, Martine Ceberio, John Daly, Weston Rose, John Hadjimarcou, Giulio Francia, Michael Starbird, Lawrence Speck, Jessica Murphy, Karen Jester-Huxtable, Art Brownlow, Patrick Davis, Barbara Shipman, Bob Duke, Jill Fleuriet (Secretary), Weston Rose, Rebecca Karoff, Denise Lujan, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Robert Prentice, Juan Noveron, Ramon Lopez, Colin Charlton, Alyssa Cavazos, Sophia Andres

Agenda

Start: 3:30

1. Welcome, Chancellor & EVC comments from the Conference
 - a. Breakout rooms: use EVC Holmes' four points in ADT Conference keynote to discuss where higher ed can go
 - i. What does transformation look like? How we teach, how we structure pathways through college, how to redefine success in education, how to promote definition and skillsets of quality teaching
2. Follow up discussion on the UTS system-wide conference: overwhelmingly positive feedback, especially about use of breakout rooms; learned about registration and numbers; would like to do a virtual conference again, perhaps every other year, alternating with physical site visits that we have historically done; fewer days; have same schedule each day (start/break/end); how to get more administrators to participate (perhaps have them chair sessions?); breakouts *really* facilitated communication and conversation – keep that as primary in structure
 - a. Day 1: high engagement shows this topic matters; breakout rooms excellent exchange of concrete ideas
 - b. Day 2: structure facilitated and supported people who wanted to have difficult, hard convos that need to happen around racism in higher ed
 - c. Day 3: concepts of compassion and self-care really resonated with participants, in large part because we don't talk about them enough
 - d. Logistics & tech: learned a lot about CVENT that will cut down hours next time
 - e. **NEXT CONFERENCE whether in person or virtual – NEED TO KNOW. Start in SEPT for APRIL conference.**

3. Gifts for Weston, Rey, Shelley, and Jess. Catherine emphasized we'd like to do this. **Action item: Exec Committee will decide the gifts and coordinate.**
4. Publications Committee: ideas about LOB3 -thinking about 'conference proceedings' – what material we might have, did not decide exactly. **Action item: committee will meet to see what is viable.**
5. Events Committee:
 - a. Action item: determine if luncheon is possible with ROTA Workshop in Aug (Sept): when can we have our welcoming luncheon?
 - b. November meeting in person in Austin
6. The Ambassador's Project: reboot pilot for 21-22 but realize may well get cancelled due to Covid, definitely keeping it IRL (in real life, site visits). Cathy: could we align with ADT site visit with UTRGV? We could – but wouldn't limit to that. **Action item: Jill pulls together committee, sees if original pilot ADT pairs are still interested. At next meeting, present summary of initiative so everyone is up to date.**
7. Giulio Francia topic: how do we create a UTS-standard recognition and celebration of teaching excellence?
8. Plans for the summer
 - a. May 28, 2021 meeting
 - b. Maybe June meeting
 - c. No July meeting?
9. Possible ways ADT can leverage EVC's comments about curricular transformation and innovation. Think tank + concrete action. **Action item: we will tackle this as the primary agenda item during the next meeting.**

END: 5:05PM