Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee

February 28, 145A Rapson Hall

Present:  Aaron Westre, Gayla Lindt, Loren Abraham, Monica Fogg, Adam Jarvi, James Wheeler, Fancy Trice, Phillip Koski, Steve Weeks

Absent: Bruce Wright, Richelle Huff, Aaron Marx

Staff: Kathy Witherow

I. Call to order @ 11:08

II. Faculty Assembly Report: Adam reported that his report to the November Faculty Assembly included the following:

- AFCC work centers on 2 themes: clarity and communication
- Three objectives for this year
  - Clarity to adjunct hiring and promotion process
  - Communicate process of navigating vast array of resources at the College and University
  - Improve our own teaching and learning; increase connection with full time faculty

III. FCC Report: James reported that the FCC discussed (a) the need for interdisciplinary opportunities to increase, (b) what does it mean to graduate from the College of Design?, (c) funding issues and alternative options. RA in practice was cited as an example. He also reported that there is interest in a joint FCC/AFCC meeting in the spring.

IV. Honors & Awards: Aaron Westre reported that a new award was added this year: Diversity. Reminder that nominations are due March 14 and Adjuncts should solicit nominations or self-nominate.

V. Curriculum: Gayla reported that the committee was meeting later today.

VI. Academic Technology: Loren reported that the group met in December. Committee members are working on objectives established at the meeting, making a business case. They are also working on a mind map of emerging technology that affects academics, and identifying those that are disruptive and/or transformative.

VII. Conversation with Trevor Miller: Trevor’s primary message to the group was to keep him and his team informed of stories and activities. They review all messages weekly to determine how they fit into the broader communications and external relations plan. Trevor gave a few examples of how one story could spin into local and national news stories. There were suggestions for consideration:
a. Increasing the use of social media in communications to talk about what we’re doing – increasing recognition
b. Developing and using a platform where guests can be recognized – to add legitimacy and importance to their efforts.

VIII. Gayla shared a document summarizing the past and continuing work of the AFCC. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

IX. Meeting schedule
   a. Kathy will schedule the next AFCC meeting for early April.

X. Meeting adjourned 12:14

As a reminder, these are the topic identified for discussion for this academic year:

   a. Clarity of hiring and Promotional process for adjuncts
   b. Making adjuncts better instructors
      i. Access to training
      ii. Awareness of larger context
   c. Data re: % of teaching by adjuncts vs. regular faculty – this college and others
   d. Parity in adjunct review process
   e. Legitimizing the respect due to adjuncts, raising awareness of value and contributions
   f. Recognition across the board for service of adjuncts, financially or some other way
   g. Funds available to adjunct faculty
   h. Orientation for new and returning adjuncts
   i. Using social media to highlight adjunct and visiting lecturer contributions
      i. Richelle will follow up with Trevor Miller