MINUTES OF THE SERVICE-LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Present: Nancy VanLeuven, Zhanna Bagdasarov, Nicole Smith, Aimee Rickman, Steve

 Hart, Wei Wu, Erika Canstañon, Sharlet Rafacz, Marcus Shaw,

 Chris Fiorentino

Absent: Xuanning Fu

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Zhanna Bagdasarov.

It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the meeting agenda.

Zhanna introduced our two newest members, Erika Castañon and Marcus Shaw.

MSC to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2018 meeting.

Two potential new members of the committee have been in contact with Chris Fiorentino. Ana Soltero Lopez is interested in serving as the Kremen School representative, and Mercedes Rosales is interested in being the second student representative. Chris is meeting with both of these individuals in the next week. As appropriate, he will prepare a draft nomination memo for Zhanna to review and send to AP&P for approval of these two new members.

Chris indicated that, pending the nomination of the two new members, he would revise the subcommittee working groups and provide the list to everyone. Chris also reminded everyone that all relevant subcommittee documents (agendas, minutes, documents related to courses being reviewed, and subcommittee members and working group lists) can be found in the SL Subcommittee Google Team Drive.

Chris shared that there are two classes up for 5-year S review; CHEM 106S (Hart, Shaw and Rosales to review, with Hart chairing) and Nursing 141S (Bagdasarov, VanLeuven, and Smith to review, with Bagdasarov chairing). Chris will prepare memos for Zhanna’s review and then send to the relevant department/faculty member.

The working group of Castañon, Rafacz, and Fiorentino shared their review of the newly proposed ID 149S course. MSC to recommend the course for S designation, provided corrections are made to the syllabus, per the Working Group’s recommendations. Chris will share those required changes with the department and instructor and will review the revised syllabus to ensure that it contains all required changes.

There was a discussion about Fresno State research related to service-learning. Steve Hart and Hongtao Yue had a major article on the impact SL has on student success published in the Michigan Journal of Community Service-Learning last year. Zhanna is working with colleagues from another university to finalize and submit a publication related to the impact SL has on ethical decision making. There was interest by several subcommittee members to work with other faculty members on more SL research. Chris was asked to check into the possibility of a Faculty Learning Committee on SL Research. He will also look into adding a section to the Richter Center and/or Faculty SL website that provides access to Fresno State faculty research on SL. (As a follow-up, Chris spoke with Bryan Berrett, Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence, regarding an FLC. Unfortunately, there are no more funds for FLC groups at this time. However, he will notify us if funds do become available.)

Remaining fall 2018 meeting dates are:

October 5, 1:30-2:30pm

November 2, 1:30-2:30pm

December 7, 1:30-2:30pm

The meeting was officially adjourned at 2:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Fiorentino on September 8, 2018.