

Fresno State UFO Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Haak Center, Boardroom 4115.

Attendees: Jenn Ivie, Janelle Pitt, Ellen Junn, Cristina Herrera, Arun Nambiar, Srinu Konduru, J Daniel Herring, NP Mahalik, Patrick Berends, Sean Seepersad, Marnel Niles, Sergio LaPorta, Melanie Ram

Quorum present? Yes

1. Meeting called to order at 12:17pm with introductions.
2. Minutes were tabled.
3. Ellen talked about the events that UFO has been hosting. Commented on the collected the data for the events. Sean reported that 8 events were submitted. She encouraged other UFO members to get their events out. Ellen also talked about the desire of the Provost to adjust the RTP process. As the Provost was reading through the files, he would like more information and reflection on scholarship and teaching. Ellen suggested UFO can ask the Provost can give a talk about his Viewpoints/Perspectives Q&A on the RTP on April 8th. It will be at 11am in HML 2206.
4. Ellen also talked about elections. One consideration is to stay on for an additional year in the same position. Perhaps also talk about what other positions may be needed. She also asked about the website. Jenn reported that the website is not completed as yet. Ellen made an appeal that these things get done so that she can showcase the UFO to the Deans.
5. Also suggested that perhaps we do a retreat right after the end of the semester. We can brainstorm at the retreat what we need for the next year.
6. Jenn talked about a signup sheet for Dog Days. Need to clarify with Jason what exactly we do for sign-up for Dog Days. Ellen encouraged members to sign-up for Dog Days so we can showcase this for the Dean's as well.
7. Learning Assessment Team. Susan Currie Sivek sent an email to Jason requesting that UFO could help host an informal discussion about what assessment means. Ellen talked a little bit about the WASC process that is happening with a kick-off on April 7th. Patrick Berends will take the lead on following up with Susan Sivek to determine dates and times and what they would like to do at the event.
8. Ellen asked about doing a survey about what the TT faculty needed. Members suggested that part of the problem is with the time of the events. A lot of the people coming out are executive board members. Survey will attempt to figure out what TT faculty need and what events to host to get faculty to come out. Sean Seepersad will be willing to set up the survey if needed.
9. Prem talked about his event – Experiences from the Senior Faculty.
10. Jenn went through the list of updates and summaries of scheduled events. Melanie and Cristina talked a little bit about their multicultural research panel. There was some discussion about making sure that it is advertised more to get more faculty to come out. Emily still needs student

volunteers for her talk. Jenn will send an email to Deanna to get photos of UFO events to Keith so he can put it up on the website. Srinu talked a little bit about his university service/governance UFO event. Suggestions were made that other speakers get involved besides Mike Botwin. Ellen suggested getting some junior senators to give some insight as well.

11. Jenn asked about fund-raising with Patrick Berends. Patrick will talk with Ellen about fund-raising/treasurer duties. Jenn is working on launching a pot-luck on May 7th at O'Neil park.
12. Jenelle talked about elections. There needs to be more discussion about whether officers will stay on an additional year or whether things will change. We will do a full election and then if officers want to stay on they put their names on the ballots for the same position.
13. Additional comments: Jenelle Pitt cannot make any of the events the week after Spring break. Jason Bush will be on paternity leave from May 3 to June 1.
14. Next meeting will be Thursday April 8th from 12:15pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17