

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING
January 31, 2007
Wednesday, 9:30-10:45, Kerr Hall Rm 129

Present: Chair Murray Baumgarten, John Borrego, Henry Burnett (Media Services Director), Rachel Dewey (NSTF Rep), Ruth Harris-Barnett (CTE Director), Lindsay Hinck, Roxanne Monnet (Senate analyst), Cynthia Polecritti.

Absent: Kevin Karplus, Jess McGuire (GSA Rep).

Chair's Announcements

Members were reminded of the grant adjudication meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 12 noon-4 p.m. in what was formerly Bay Tree Room C. The regular COT meeting scheduled for that morning has been cancelled.

On February 14, University Librarian Virginia Steel will visit COT to discuss the planned for information commons, information literacy, and the Library's support of teaching. The Library is developing systems for integrating the various functions of the Library. Chair Baumgarten would like to discuss this integration with Librarian Steel and to consider how to get the Library and the Information Technology Committee (ITC) working together.

VPITS Larry Merkeley will be invited to meet with COT, probably early spring. Discussion for that meeting can happen at a March meeting.

Chair Baumgarten will meet with others, including the chair of CEP, on Feb 8 regarding large lecture course. The meeting is being called by EVC Klinger. Another COT member was asked to attend the meeting with Baumgarten to ensure that the Senate members at the meeting are not solely from the humanities. Schedule permitting, Professor Hinck will attend.

ITC topics: A handout related to IT Services was provided to the Committee which listed FY 08 priorities and investment options.

COT wondered whether UCSC should develop a teaching statement. This came up at a recent systemwide meeting attended by Director Harris-Barnett. The Committee would like to discuss this at their February 14 meeting in preparation to discuss it at lunch on February 15 with Acting Chancellor Blumenthal and CPEVC Klinger.

There was a request to add future meeting dates to the bottom of the agendas.

A message will be sent to the Graduate Student Associate indicating that we are in need of representation for the current quarter.

CTE Director Announcements

The procedure for adjudication of the grants was discussed. Handouts were provided with the procedures. The procedures will be uploaded to the web page by the end of the week. The page will be similar to the mini grants page. There is ~\$94K in the fund less whatever decisions are made today for mini grants and less some amount set aside for spring mini grants. Given the amount of requests versus funds, it is expected that approximately 40 percent of the proposals will be awarded. \$15K is the max for the major grants. The course development fellowships are ~\$7K each.

Members were asked to submit their initial recommendations for decisions to Director Harris-Barnett via email by February 27. Proposals that have consensus in advance of the meeting will then move more quickly through the group discussion process. Members were advised to plan ahead for reading time given the significant amount of reading in the proposals.

Draft minutes from January 17

The minutes from January 17, 2007, were accepted as amended.

Mini Grants

One grant was awarded in the amount of \$400. A second request was not awarded.

Professor of the Year nomination

April 30 is the deadline for Professor of the Year nominations. COT discussed the process and brainstormed regarding ways to determine a list of candidates. Past nominees were drawn from other award lists such as the excellence in teaching awards and the alumni association teaching award. The Committee decided to put out a call for nominations via email to the Senators, with a February 26 deadline to COT c/o the Academic Senate Office. In the announcement they will indicate that access to teaching evaluations will be important.

The group discussed the possibility of also nominating whoever is selected for the Professor of the Year nomination for next fall's Cherry Award.

Scheduling COT members to moderate sessions at the symposium

Members self-nominated to moderate and assist with portions of the February 15 Teaching and Learning Symposium at which there will be two parallel sessions running from 2:15-3:50 p.m.

Member items

Due to the lack of time, member items will be carried forward to a future meeting. Members were invited to member items that they would like on agendas to Chair Baumgarten.

Attest,

Murray Baumgarten, Chair
Committee on Teaching