



Academic Innovation Council Minutes

Date 08/15/2017 Start Time 10:10 AM Adjournment Time 11:15 AM Location Walker 1-137
Type of Meeting Regular Special

CHAIR	Joydeep Bhattacharjee & Cliff Tresner
SECRETARY	Mary Elizabeth Bridges
ATTENDEES	Paula Griswold, Bob Eisenstadt, Girish Shah, Tommie Church
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Cliff Tresner, Tammy Johnsonston, Charles Hughes

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	The council met to discuss plans for the 2017-2018 academic year. .
DISCUSSION TOPICS	<p>The meeting agenda included 7 items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome Back2. Member resignations and input on new council members and recap of Academic Fellows3. Change how we work-ideas?4. Innovation Center Training Workshop-New Orleans-Sept 25-275. VR Technologies6. Notebook software technologies and training7. Subcommittees and outlining a Fall presentation schedule <p>1. Joydeep Bhattacharjee took a few moments to welcome back the council members and discuss the new furniture that was installed over the summer.</p> <p>2. Two members of the council, Mara Loeb and Kris Bista, have resigned from the council. The council members present discussed the need for a policy if council members leave and whether or not we should replace the two members. It was agreed that equity across the colleges should remain and the council would like to nominate two people to join the current council bringing it back to 11 members. Nominations will be discussed at the next meeting. The discussion was then focused on the Academic Fellows and the Academy model. The council previously discussed the idea of an academy that would consist of faculty who received the AIC grants as well as those who attended multiple AIC sponsored events. From there, it would be upon the Dean's recommendation that is invited to join the council. The questions still remain, what would entice a faculty member to participate? If we are going to launch this model, how do we communicate it to faculty?</p> <p>3. Joydeep Bhattacharjee challenged the council to think about the way we work and question whether that is how we want to continue. He proposed that we move from a meeting center to more of an action driven center and how can we work together to produce something for the AIC. Many of the council members agreed about collaboration and finding a way to be innovative but also recognized we still have to maintain the general functions of the AIC.</p> <p>4. There is an Innovation Center Training Workshop that will be held in New Orleans Sept. 25-27th. Joydeep Bhattacharjee asked for volunteers who might be able to attend. There is a budget and the council could potentially send 2-3 members. Members should let Joydeep know by Wednesday, August 30th.</p>

5. Discussion about collaboration between Joydeep Bhattacharjee (BIOL) and Barth Cox (COMM) and use of virtual technologies has led to the pursuit of a grant that would include the purchase of VR goggles and potentially a common teaching space to utilize the VR technology. Barth Cox will be on the AIC fall schedule and present about using VR technology.

6. The Notebook software has been installed for the faculty who requested it. There will be training on Saturday, October 14th from 8 am – 3pm for anyone using this software.

7. The last agenda item focused on the fall programming for the AIC. Several sessions have been discussed:

- a. Barth Cox: Virtual Reality Technology
- b. Cross disciplinary Courses
- c. Small Business Incubator & Office of Sponsored Research: Panel Discussion
- d. SMART Notebook Training
- e. Paula Griswold, Tommie Church, Mary Elizabeth Bridges: Teaching Innovation

The only date that has been set for an event is the SMART Notebook training.

CONCLUSIONS		
The meeting was adjourned with the charge to continue thinking about activities and events hosted by the AIC.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The council will nominate two new members at the next meeting. Anyone who wants to attend the Innovation Center Workshop needs to let Joydeep Bhattacharjee know.	All members =	08/30/17

Approved by committee/council chair Yes on 09/19/17