

GFEC Minutes
Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 – 9:00am-10:00am

In attendance: Geni Birren, Alexis Blavos, Nancy Diller, Tracy Frenyea, Laura Gathagan, Peter McGinnis, Christina Price, Pam Schroeder, Nance Wilson (chair)

Absent: Chris Badurek, Ronnie Casella, Vincent De Turi, Eric Edlund, Eileen Gravani, Doug Langhans, Lin Lin, Carol Van Der Karr

Guest: Brittany Adams

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. *Peter McGinnis motioned to approve the minutes.*
- b. *Laura Gathagan seconded the motion.*
- c. *Approved by acclimation.*

2. New Business

- a. Discussion of Campus Policy about Online Teaching
 1. Genni Birren shared the SUNY policy for Instructional Delivery for reference
 2. It was noted that this policy is not equitable across the campus as other colleges seem to have different rules
 1. Solution would be to draft changes to this policy and bring it to Faculty Senate
 3. The assumption of this policy is that faculty do not have other responsibilities, such as publishing, research, be on campus among other responsibilities as a faculty member
 4. "On Campus Presence" is defined as contributing to the campus and being a part of the campus community
 1. "Campus Community" is defined as interacting with faculty, administration, staff and students
 5. According to the data points for Middle States, being an advisor of student clubs and organizations does not count towards campus presence
 1. Committees, being an Advisor of a club/organization, sitting on Department search, etc. should be included in Faculty Service
 6. The message of this policy is that too little face-to-face time and too much use of alternative technologies reduces teaching effectiveness and teaching performance
 7. "On Campus Service" should be redefined
 1. Should the term "on campus" be re-evaluated? Students in online programs often do not have the need to come to campus
 2. Redefine what is our campus within the context of the school, department, faculty load
 8. The "one-size-fits-all" approach neglects that faculty pursue their scholarship or creative endeavors at any time of day
 9. A survey is needed to ask departments with online programs about the challenges they have encountered

4. Minutes Rotation Sign-up:

- a. *Oct. 25 -- Laura Gathagan*
- b. *Nov. 8 – Peter McGinnis*

- c. *Nov. 22 --Tracy Frenyea*
- d. *Dec. 6 – Geni Birren*