**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

May 17, 2016

Reneta D. Lansiquot, Founding Chair

Sean P. MacDonald, Secretary

**Present**: Reneta Lansiquot, Sean MacDonald, Amanda Almond, Monica Berger, Candido Cabo, Aida Egues, Laina Karthikeyan, Ezra Halleck, Paul King, Jean Hillstrom, Janet Liou-Mark, Anna Matthews, Diana Mincyte, Laureen Park, Olufemi Sodeinde, Andleeb Zameer.

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Laureen Park, Reginald Blake, Rebecca Shapiro

**On leave:** Johannah Rodgers

**Meeting agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from April 17, 2016: Motion to approve: Gwen; seconded: Paul; passed unanimously
2. New committee members:

Diana Mincyte (Sociology) and Anna Matthews (Dental Hygiene) will join the committee starting in fall 2016. Reneta made some updates to the site which now includes the new members.

1. Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) for ID courses survey update (College Council and next steps), Amanda Almond:

Amanda reported that the feedback from College Council on the proposed ID SETs was not encouraging. The College Council (?) consensus was to wait until fall to discuss further. The principal criticism was that the ID SETs were different from the new SET (?).

In discussing this issue, one suggestion was to resubmit the proposed SETs again in the fall. The Provost is in support of the SETs. Many people attending the College Council meeting spoke in favor of the ID SETs, and there is the possibility that the change of (Personnel ?) Committee members in fall could result in a more positive outcome.

Amanda presented the results of responses to the survey used to develop the ID SETs and asked committee members their thoughts. Open ended questions: Reneta: is there anything we would like to add?

Monica suggested we send out a message to college community.

Paul suggested a social event inviting people interested in guest lecturing. We could meet with anyone who might be interested in teaching an ID course.; Gwen suggested that we bring a question- next Gen Ed meeting in the fall - are you interested in guest lecturing in an existing ID course? We could include a short summary of people who have guest lectured and what they have done.

1. Open-ended questions for teaching portfolio and ID funding opportunities, Laureen Park (Chair, Course Development subcommittee); Teaching Portfolio workshop integration, Janet Liou-Mark

Suggestions for the Teaching Portfolio workshop: Which of the open ended questions could be used in the teaching portfolio workshop? Why did you do it, how did you add it and what would you recommend to others? The top four questions were rated as extremely useful, as well as the fifth question on how engaged the students were in the class? These were items 3, 5, 8, 1, 7.

1. ID Matterssymposium reflections, outcomes (i.e., online list of guest lecturers, reframing Science in the Kitchen), and brainstorming plans to continue moving forward.

It was noted that new people signed up to be guest lecturers; this list has been posted to the ID Committee’s Open Lab site. At least 20 people have signed up to date. Monica might be able to create a searchable database, and Paul suggested creating a list on the site of people who may be interested in creating new courses.

Reframing of Science in the Kitchen; with Bio – Hospitality in the Kitchen; R discussed with Provost and the course should be cross-listed - it currently isn’t. Hope that we can cross list it with Bio; it would still count as Pathways and still a college option requirement, capstone and WI.

This Requires a curriculum change to do this. Won’t be offered next semester – earliest would be Spring. This would be a good idea for a lot of courses so we have a simplier mechanism rather than going through a curr. Change; there should be a single location that lists ID courses; this will be listed on a page in the new college catalog.

1. New Chair, Social Outreach subcommittee: Paul King

Amanda Almond – Secretary

The new membership of subcommittees and their roles have been updated on ID site.

1. Interim Chair for 2016 - 2017

Brainstorming/Announcements/Discussion: Ideas for the next academic year

* Main focus next year: Afr American Studies is planning to ramp up ID courses in the coming year; there will be a need to incorporate guest lecturers from those courses into existing courses.
* Grants for ID scholarship: Smaller grants for ID faculty; Laureeen has a list of ID grants; Gwen and Laina did SENSOR grants which are ID;
* Monica Devans could come to a meeting again to talk about grants.
* Paul: suggested agenda item: That the ID site hold all documents, make sure that all documents are cleaned up, etc. collect all the work they have done; syllabi on the ID site should be accessible to faculty so that anyone else teaching an ID course could have access. Open Lab?
* Reneta noted that we need to start with the special topics courses on this; there could be a coordinator for these courses, perhaps the persons teaching the courses now. The ID course coordinator should be identified on our site so others know who to contact. We would ask this person to collect all the items related to the course. We also need to loop in the library on all of this; this could fall under OER. Library could connect to academic side. Right now all documents are put on the closed site on Open Lab; we can talk about how to set this up going forward.
* Weird Science: Laureen will teach the course next year (spring); this is pending approval by the Chair of the English Department. We also want to add Bio back into this course.
* ID scholarship: Monica – expand beyond courses; research should be added
* Being able to report back as to whether problems have been resolved with sections identified as ID; they are not always identified as such. This needs to be resolved so as not to impede students’ progress.
* Another ID Symposium: ID Still Matters? Something after the colon that reflects the theme for the year. This about what to do differently? How to expand on the first symposium? A bigger student component with presentations? An alternative is to get a table in the dining room each month to have a discussion about ID; each discussion could have a foucs, or bi-weekly meetings on different themes; we could rotate members of the ID Committee who would guide the discussion; invite people who are not currently doing ID courses
* Summer Institute: something about ID should be incorporated; almost everyone does some form of ID research. This would be a first step.
* Next meetings: will be posted on ID site. There are two holds in case we need to meet as things come up. All meetings will be on Thursdays from 1 to 2 PM (Faculty Commons is available from 12:45 - 2:00 PM)

Once we have College Council meetings we can be aware of deadlines. We should know the chair of council by today if quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM