**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

March 17, 2016

Reneta D. Lansiquot, Founding Chair

Sean P. MacDonald, Secretary

**Present**: Reneta D. Lansiquot, Sean P. MacDonald, Monica Berger, Amanda Almond, Candido Cabo, Aida Egues, Laina Karthikeyan, Jean E. Hillstrom, Paul C. King, Janet Liou-Mark, Sean P. MacDonald, Laureen Park, Olufemi Sodeinde, Andleeb Zameer, and Rebecca Shapiro, Ezra Halleck, Dionne Bennett

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Reginald Blake, Gwen Cohen-Brown

**On leave:** Johannah Rodgers

1. Motion to approve the minutes from December 10 and February 15, with the correction that Paul was excused from the December 10 meeting. Paul motioned to approve; Jean 2nd; approved unanimous
2. Reneta provided an update on ID course listings. She explained that courses will soon have “ID” at the end of the course number. This will facilitate searching for ID courses, and should minimize student registering for a non-ID section of a course. In addition, ID courses will be highlighted in the College Catalog.
3. Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) for ID courses survey update (Personnel Committee and Exec), Amanda Almond

Amanda: ID SETs reviewed online. A review of the items most frequently cited and a discussion of possible revisions to wording:

The 11 items most cited were included; items 1 through 5 are from the general SET framework used now. Item # 8 was modified and items 9 and 10 were modified. Item 8 was the major concern noted during the last Personnel Committee meeting. It was recommended that the committee discuss and recommend changes.

Several recommendations for modifications to the original ID SET proposal. Candido motioned to remove item 8 from the survey; this motion was approved with one abstention.

Jean motioned to approve the survey with changes that had been offered by members of the committee; this motion was then withdrawn to enable further discussion and modifications. After several suggested changes were put forward, Jean motioned to refer further discussion to a working group to review before we vote on a final recommended SET for ID courses. Reneta suggested that we try to work through this quickly because this is time sensitive; she also suggested that we treat this as an experimental questionnaire for one year, not a permanent change.

Reneta, Amanda, Larueen, Jean, Rebecca, Laina, Dionne, and Paul volunteered to join the working group. This group will meet on Monday, March 21 at noon in the Faculty Commons, and will send its recommendations out to the rest to IDC for feedback/approval and to ensure that there are no major objections. If there are no further suggestions, then what the committee comes up with on 3/21 will constitute the final survey. Reneta motioned for the members to vote on the aforementioned procedure, which was 2nd; approved unanimous.

1. **ID Matters: Connecting Service, Scholarship, Teaching, and Learning** symposium

Friday, April 15, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Atrium Amphitheatre (breakfast) and Faculty Lounge (working lunch)

**MC:** Reginald A. Blake  
**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Stephanie Pfirman

**ID Panels:**

1. Exploring Weird Science and Virtual Worlds (Moderator: Reneta D. Lansiquot): Candido Cabo (CST), Jean E. Hillstrom (PSY), Larueen Park (PHIL), David B. Smith (MUS TECH), Ricky Santana (MEDU), Zianne Cuff (LAS)
2. Interdisciplinary Special Topics Courses (Moderator: Provost Bonne August):   
   **Energy Resources**, Diana Samaroo (CHEM), Melanie Villatoro (CMCE)   
   **Healing the Body: The Visual Culture of Medicine**, Sandra Cheng (ARTH)   
   **Learning Places: Understanding the City**, Jason Montgomery (ARCH), Nora Almeida (LIB)   
   **The Evolving Face of Race, Class, and Gender Identity**, Christine Thorpe (HUS)  
   **Science in the Kitchen**, Ilya Grigorenko (PHYS), Robert Walljasper (HMGT)

**Working Lunch:** Best Practices / Lessons Learned (Facilitator: Paul C. King) ID Special Topics Courses (Gwen Cohen-Brown), ID Open Scholarship (Monica Berger), ID Assessment (Amanda Almond), ID Team-teaching (Jean E. Hillstrom and Rebecca Shapiro)

1. Strategies for Interdisciplinary Publishing Success (Moderator: Associate Provost Pamela Brown): Monica Berger (LIB), Gwen Cohen Brown (DEN), Laina Karthikeyan (BIO), Reneta D. Lansiquot (ENG)
2. Knowing Brooklyn (Moderator: Dionne Bennett): Libby Clarke (COMD), Javiela Evangelista (AFR), Michael Duddy (ARCH)/Jason Montgomery (ARCH), Sean P. MacDonald (ECON), Sean Scanlan (ENG)/BWRC, Jeremy Seto (BIO)

Update on conference: Reneta will send out a list for people to sign up to do various tasks during the conference by Monday.

Dionne announced that the student-centered event on Knowing Brooklyn: A Diversity Dialogue on March 24 will include student presentations on the theme on diversity; it will incorporate student work, intellectual diversity and stress engaging students; she urged us to encourage our students to participate and present work they are doing. We should let Dionne know if we would like any of our students’ work included in the program. She also announced a Harlem and Gentrification event, scheduled for April 12 at 2:30pm in A632 and requested confirmation that the IDC was in support of the event. Committee members expressed no objections.

Dionne will also promote the April 15th symposium at the March 24th event, and suggested it would be a good opportunity for faculty to incorporate information about the ID courses they are teaching into their teaching portfolio in time for the Teaching Workshop in May. Reneta noted that she will be working with Janet during the teaching portfolio workshop, which will provide an opportunity to highlight ID team-teaching.

1. Reneta tabled the discussion of open-ended questions for teaching portfolio and ID funding opportunities. The rest of the agenda was tabled until the next meeting on March 31.

Motion to adjourn: Candido