

New York City College of Technology
Interdisciplinary Committee
May 13, 2014

Reneta D. Lansiquot, Founding Chair
David B. Smith, Secretary

Present: Dionne Bennett, Monica Berger (Webmaster), Candido Cabo, Aida Egues, Urmi Ghosh-Dastidar, Laina Karthikeyan, Paul King, Jean E. Kubeck Hillstrom, Janet Liou-Mark, Sean P. MacDonald, Laureen Park, Johannah Rodgers, Olufemi Sodeinde, Andleeb Zameer, Rebecca Shapiro (non-voting member)

Absent: Reginald A. Blake, Gwen Cohen Brown, Justin Davis, Ezra Halleck (excused), Robert Leston

Guest: Cinda P. Scott

Chair Reneta D. Lansiquot called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

1. Minutes from April 29, 2014 meeting were approved.
2. Special Topics Interdisciplinary course proposals are due on Friday, May 30, 2014. The request for proposals and review process information are online.
<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/ids/2014/05/13/creating-special-topics-interdisciplinary-courses-rfp/>

Cinda explained the goal of *The City Tech I³ (Innovation through Institutional Integration) Incubator: Interdisciplinary Partnerships for Laboratory Integration*.

A panel review will be held on Monday, June 2. IDC members not available to review were noted.

3. Monica and Urmi reported on their Interdisciplinary Courses presentations at the Research Mixer, which was held on May 7 at 3-5 PM. Monica informed the audience of the current five designated Interdisciplinary courses and distributed a handout. Urmi discussed her interdisciplinary project.
4. Justin posted a list of College Option Interdisciplinary courses and section numbers in Pearl 616 for use during LAA/LAS advisement. Reneta pointed out that a Liberal Arts & Sciences Interdisciplinary course is required of baccalaureate students.
5. Jean noted that there is a need for more Interdisciplinary courses. Reneta agreed and pointed out that two sections of Interdisciplinary courses did not run this semester despite this need.

6. Dionne and Monica are working on an Interdisciplinary Courses brochure for students.
7. Johannah pointed out that the language in Environmental Science course posters may mislead students into believing that these courses currently fulfill the College Option Interdisciplinary requirement. She volunteered to contact Peter Spellane to clarify and ask him to complete an Application for Interdisciplinary Course Designation.
8. Lauren administered a student survey regarding a course that began as a Capstone initiative. She thought it would be useful to include an interdisciplinary aspect.
9. Dionne may have a second interdisciplinary working group: (1) Race and Gender, and (2) Qualitative Research Methods (i.e., ethnographic software).
Julia may be able to help coordinate these working groups.
10. Next meeting Tuesday, September at 1 PM in the Faculty Commons.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.