**New York City College of Technology**

**Interdisciplinary Committee**

**Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2018**

Reneta Lansiquot & Sean P. MacDonald, Co-Chairs

Amanda Almond, Secretary

**In Attendance:** Reneta Lansiquot, Sean MacDonald, Monica Berger, Gwen Cohen Brown, Marta Effinger-Crichlow, Laina Karthikeyan, Paul King, Diana Mincyte, Denise Sutton, Robert Walljasper.

**On Leave:**

**Excused:** Amanda Almond, Jean Hillstrom, Anna Matthews, Olufemi Sodeinde, Laureen Park, Christopher Swift

**Absent:** Reginald Blake, Heidi Boisvert, Aida Euges, Candido Cabo, Ezra Halleck, Anne Leonard

**Guest:** Cailean Cooney

**Meeting agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2018
2. Cailean S. Cooney: How OERs can support ID courses and sections?

Cailean gave an overview of the OER fellowship and the benefits of developing OERs for ID courses. Follow-up discussion and suggestions: What kinds of activities would benefit our ID courses? OER modules/lecturers that could enhance the honors program (evening students); developing OERs as we develop ID courses; curating materials

1. Diana Mincyte; Discussion of tweaking/clarifying language on the guest lecturer form

Suggestions were made to clarify the language on the guest lecturer verification form to specify that guest lectures do no carry over from one academic year to the next. We will also add a statement that a faculty member must use course release credits earned in the current academic year over the next two academic years, as the three-year averaging requires. Inconsistencies in the paragraph on the two posted versions of the form will also be corrected.

1. Sean MacDonald: Add place-based learning resources links to our resources page, supplementing the individual contacts that have been added.   
   <http://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cuny-arts/free->  and <https://facultycommons.citytech.cuny.edu/faculty-development/student-travel-overview/>  for easy access to fieldtrip forms. (<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/ids/submit-external-contacts/>).
   * Monica Berger: Reminder to submit external contacts; There should be a way to share time sensitive events on our site; there are many such opportunities.

Reneta will follow up to inquire whether ID can obtain a list serve so that contacts and time sensitive events can be posted more easily. There was also some discussion of how our resources form could be updated or used so that external sources and eventscan be uploaded.

1. Diana Mincyte: Best Practices for Interdisciplinary Course Observations

Diana reviewed the proposed goals of ID course peer-evaluations; the document cannot be labeled as ‘best practices.’ Goal is to evaluate ID learning outcomes; These could be labeled as “Suggestions.” This document will be posted on the ID site so that we can review and comment.

1. **Year-long 2018-19 ID Workshop Series** to highlight pedagogical strategies that work (e.g., case studies, [virtual] place-based learning, [collaborative] project-based learning, game-based learning, learning communities, undergraduate research) first Wednesday of the month (September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5 one-on-one writing workshop; February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1 presentations), **2pm setup   
   2:30-3:45pm…Cleanup… 9 participants**

* Scholar on Campus activity and related book project, Reneta D. Lansiquot

Reneta summarized the workshop series and encouraged ID committee members who may be interested in participating in the series, to offer their background/experience, particularly if they have written book chapters to talk about what they did, the process, etc.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, December 13, club hour, in the Faculty Commons.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**ID Committee Monthly Meeting for Spring 2019**

**Faculty Commons main room in Namm 227, 12:45-2pm, Thursday**

February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9