

University Council on Teaching
Minutes 10-2-14

Present: Jeff Cohen (Chair) John Rakestraw

Reactions- questions to John from UCT:

- All members of UCT expressed their delight with the formation of the CTE.
- Part time faculty needs special attention and people from the practice who have never been in front of a classroom. Also PhD students need support in their teaching. They cannot work under the assumption that "if you know it, then you can teach it".
- One question was: How do we get people really interested in helping us understand that just because we know it, does not mean that we can teach it or teach it well? We need to face areas of weakness to start the conversation.
- What will the structure look like? IDES is currently there, and has a sense of community. Sue Barrett's program is also there as is the writing fellows program.

Jeff Cohen asked what we can be doing between now and next meeting to enact the vision of the CTE. John responded that he would like us to bring him information about what we think our faculty need and want. There is an Open House at the CTE October 16th, 3-5 PM.

Pat De Leeuw would like to have a program with someone who would be a Master Teacher, who would get a course off and be linked to the CTE for a semester to talk with faculty about teaching. Members of the UCT also indicated that the teaching award should be reinstated. Questions were: When to give it? What to give? Would we divide A and S into several awards? Pat D. will send the old proposal about the awards around.

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