

TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 2:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Present: Vidda Beache (Co-Chair), Robin Witmer-Kline (Co-Chair), Nancy Arnone, Sonjurae Cross, Audra Haddock-Martenot, Dan Ryan, Josue Lopez, “Victor” A. Edun, and guest Kendra Perry (Librarian)

Absent: Jessica Baker (Due to technological issues with Zoom and the HCC IT Department, Jessica was not able to attend the meeting). She was admitted into the post meeting with Dean Beache and Robin Witmer-Kline where Dean Beache gave her a summary of the meeting minutes.

1. The first point of business was to approve the February 22, 2024 Minutes. After careful review and consideration, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Arnone, and a second motion to approve was made by Sonjurae Cross. The motion was carried and the Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The second point of business concerned reviewing Library Policy #8076 to specifically assess if the “**Intellectual Freedom**” paragraph needed to be amended to include the statement, “**As specified in the state of Maryland’s Freedom to Read Act, ‘materials may not be excluded...solely because of the origin, background, or views of the individual who created the material; and materials may not be excluded or removed from the catalog...because of partisan, ideological, or religious disapproval.’**”

Kendra Perry, Librarian, reported that she consulted with HCC Attorney, Jamie Cannon, regarding the inclusion of this sentence within the Intellectual Freedom paragraph. Attorney Cannon reported to Kendra Perry that this law does not apply to college libraries. As a result, the committee then voted to leave this statement out of the Intellectual Freedom paragraph and allow it to remain in its original form.

3. The third point of business was brought to the Teaching & Learning Committee by Nancy Arnone. Her division members asked for a change to be made to the **Selection & Deselection** paragraph of Library Policy #8076 based on individual subjectivity related to defining what is meant by “inappropriate materials”. Therefore, the verbiage within this paragraph was changed by the Committee and now reads, **“Maintaining access to current information requires the selection and acquisition of new and current information sources and materials, as well as the identification and discarding of materials or information sources that are outdated or otherwise out of line with current acquisition guidelines; therefore, the William M. Brish Library is required by this policy to conduct a regular weeding or culling process.”**

After reviewing and amending policy #8076, The Teaching & Learning Committee decided that no further changes needed to be made and that both Library Policies #7050 and #8076 would move forward to the Board of Directors for review and consideration.

4. The fourth point of business was to inquire from the Committee if anyone had any additional charges to review during this time. No charges were brought forward and Dean Beache again reminded everyone that anyone could submit a charge.

The meeting concluded at 2:50 p.m. and Dean Beache and Robin Witmer-Kline met briefly post-meeting to discuss final thoughts. Jessica Baker was admitted into the post-meeting discussion with Dean Beache and Robin Witmer-Kline, where Dean Beache summarized the meeting minutes.

The next Teaching and Learning Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Recorded and respectfully submitted by: Robin Witmer-Kline, PhD, LPC, Assistant Professor of Psychology, (Co-Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee)