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Present:

Gay Biery Hamilton
Joan Davison
Carlee Hoffmann
Ted Gournelos
Kathryn Patterson Sutherland
Robert Vander Poppen
Dominique Parris
Julia Foster
Julia Maskivker
Kevin Griffin

Discussion:

Discussion RE FITI Grants

Learning through a regular IT session vs. getting a grant for concentrated instruction, especially during the summer

Does IT have ownership of these processes, in terms of faculty development?

Difficulties: if there's no one in IT with the expertise to partner, or if the projects are too basic, are those suitable for grants; How user friendly is the process?

Discussion RE Fine and Performing Arts and grants, especially regarding ensemble proposals

Tensions regarding the project being difficult to frame with ensembles, especially regarding individual vs. group proposals

Should we have one unified cover letter for ensembles, with rankings of students, minimum number required, optimal number, etc.? Then students submit individual proposals with complete literature reviews etc.?

Discussion RE residence halls and living space for students who have a gap in their SFCRG. It is our understanding that students who have a gap in their 6-8 week sessions are funded to stay in the residence halls. This is unclear, however, after emails sent out to grant recipients.

Discussion RE streamlining the process, including perhaps an intern/work study student to hold workshops for students, as well as more communication between PSC, the director, faculty, students, and staff. Should we have an administrator connect to faculty/students who are missing elements?

Discussion RE Course Evaluations and Survey Questions

Qualitative question for Course: "Use this space to describe what made this course a positive and/or negative learning experience? You may also use this space to explain your answers above."

Discussion RE bringing this to the faculty: We feel that this needs to be done this year so that it can be implemented next year. We will draft and revise a discussion of the process for the faculty to review.

Discussion RE whether or not we separate score averages between CPS and A&S. This is particularly an issue due to there being different processes for promotion and tenure between the two schools. Overall agreement that it is better to simplify by removing averages entirely, as they are currently inaccurate in their percentage splits. We should emphasize class visits and qualitative answers more than any sort of percentile ranking.

Discussion to remind us all that there will be a third set of questions, that will be major or division specific.