

Faculty Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2024

Present: Camilla Ambivero, Patricia Farless, Piotr Mikusinski, Kevin Yee, Donald Merritt, Jennifer Morin, Pieter Kik, Sue Bauer, Danny Seigler, Martha Hubertz, Lisa Wayte, Adam Meyer

- I. SPI resolution
 - a. The draft resolution cleared Senate Steering Committee earlier in 2024. On Jan 18, it comes up for a vote for the full Senate
 - b. It is appreciated if any Senators on this committee would speak up at that event to stress how seriously we took it, the process we followed, and how thorough we were
- II. Teaching Awards and Advising Award
 - a. This full committee will have the right/option to vote. The sub-group will send recommendations forward on Feb 5, as well as a video that explains the pros/cons of the top choices for the full committee. The vote will take place on Feb 6 in Qualtrics (due by 4pm that day)
- III. Spring topics to discuss
 - a. Artificial Intelligence
 - i. FCTL has done much already: website, ChatGPT book, Holiday Retreat, one off workshops, and earlier in January debuted an “AI Fundamentals” 8-week in-person course, as well as self-paced online course called “AI Essentials”
 - ii. FCTL plans an AI Playground event on Feb 26, co-hosted with CDL, to let faculty compare individual AI tools
 - b. Civil discourse
 - i. We agreed this needed to continue. Maybe a workshop about helping students see beyond their horizons?
 - c. Student success
 - i. We discussed ULAs, and possibly making big adoptions there by tying to GEP classes
 - ii. Perhaps FCTL could explore a faculty sharing/micro-presentations on how they build community (or broader: just how they ‘go beyond lecturing’?)
 - iii. Suggestion came to think about support for UG Teaching Assistants, who presently get no support.
 - iv. Suggestion for grad student facing cohorts (book clubs, FLCs, workshops?). Maybe especially a workshop for graders and grading practices?
 - d. Suggestion for spring 2024 meetings: bring up each of these topics at each meeting. Don’t focus on just one.
- IV. Scheduling of next meeting

The next meeting will take place in February 2024; poll to follow.
- V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.