

Provost's Council Minutes
8-16-07

Attending: Susan Coultrap-McQuin (presiding); Michael Ameigh (recording). David Clendinning, David King, Rhonda Mandel, Linda Rae Markert, Cathy Santos, Rameen Mohammadi, Richard Skolnik.

The Council welcomed Catherine Santos, newly appointed Associate Provost for Multicultural Opportunities and Programs. Cathy will support efforts to nurture multicultural diversity among students, faculty and staff, and will help ensure the success of students, faculty, and staff of color at SUNY Oswego. She will serve as a resource to all members of campus in that respect.

Retention:

A first-year retention taskforce is being organized. The Council suggested a number of areas within Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that should be represented by specific faculty, staff and students. Membership on that taskforce will be announced soon.

Faculty Searches:

The deans will send to the Provost final requests for new tenure track positions by September 15th. A new online system for capturing and reviewing search materials, *InterviewExchange*, will be employed beginning this fall. Human Resources announced it will schedule affirmative action training by group this fall rather than by individual search committees.

School for Communication and Creative Arts

Planning continues for a new academic unit, the School for Communication and Creative Arts. Input has been received from faculty and staff. See:
http://www.oswego.edu/administration/provost/current_initiatives/

Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative:

Linda Rae Markert, Dean of the School of Education, agreed to serve on a steering committee that is working to infuse writing into the entire curriculum.

Prestigious Teaching Awards:

The Council discussed ways to encourage nominations from faculty for national and international teaching awards. A process has been established to automatically forward nominations for campus awards to the national and international level where appropriate award opportunities have been identified. A small group will make recommendations on how to proceed.

Announcements:

- The search for a director of the Metro Center has been terminated. A new search will be organized at a later date.
- The Academic Affairs Council will meet in retreat on Wednesday, August 22nd, to discuss merging goals set by Academic Affairs with those of the College sesquicentennial.

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