TAGG Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016
12:00 PM (EST)

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Paul discussed the Qualtrics survey that was sent to the Online Fellows – we are seeking to garner both procedural and policy information related to faculty who teach online in each college.

Discussion about the work of the TAGG committee ensued; the overall consensus was that the bulk of the work will be procedural but that may inherently lead to some university policy decisions in the future. TAGG would like to approach the procedural and accessibility issues from an asset rather than deficit viewpoint. The overarching goal is to change the culture across the University so the value of faculty teaching from a distance is recognized and supported. Culture shifts also include socialization and communication aspects.

In an effort to focus the work of TAGG, the following cycle was discussed and agreed upon:

1. TAGG committee members will identify what they are doing well and what seems to be working for them while working from a distance (work extends beyond teaching to include research, service, networking etc.).
2. TAGG committee members will identify what barriers to accessibility they have experienced while working from a distance
3. TAGG committee members will discuss strategies to further support what is working well and problem solve to discuss potential solutions to barriers expressed
4. TAGG representatives will bring potential strategies and solutions to university administration for discussion and potential action
5. TAGG committee members will begin the work of developing procedural guidelines for colleges across the University to reference

**ACTION ITEM:**

Kathleen asked the group to email either her or Paul a list of (1) What seems to be working well for them as they work from a distance, and (2) what barriers to accessibility they are experiencing while working from a distance prior to the next meeting. The list will be collated and shared during the next meeting and will inform next steps.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST).

Submitted by Kathleen Provinzano, January 5, 2016.