Tuesday 03/06/2018 TAGG Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting: Constance (Connie) Lyttle* (Co-Chair), *Paul Thomas Clements (Co-Chair), * Diane Depew* Kay Swartzwelder* Leland (Rocky) Rockstraw* Joy Philips* Suzan Blacher * Elizabeth Thomas* Rich Mangano* Jose Chavez* * Sandy Friedman * and Rita K. Adeniran*

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon by Paul Thomas Clements- Warm welcome to our newest member, Sandy Friedman! Karyn Holt, Chair of the Online Fellows, sent her apologies for her absence, as today’s TAGG meeting conflicted with another meeting.

- Vignettes: Per Kay Swartzwelder, there is no update on the Vignettes. The plan to begin the recording of the fourth vignette in April of 2018 has not changed. Paul Thomas Clements and Connie Lyttle believe there is an opportunity for TAGG to maximize the reach and impact of the Vignettes across the university community. Members discussed accessibility to the already completed vignettes, analyzing the ease of accessibility based on the location. Some new members did not know what the completed vignettes addressed and what the new vignette is intended to accomplish; as well as how to access them. Paul Thomas Clements explained that the finished vignettes used the familiar story of the three wise monkeys that represents the phrase “See no Evil, Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil” to highlight some of the challenges that confront distance faculty. The new vignettes, “FLIP” is intended to flip the story with the goal of showing the reverse side of the initial vignettes. Rocky explained where the vignettes are located on the Inspire webpage (http://drexel.edu/inspire/committees/overview/) and how to access them in the Committee section of the page.

- Best Practice Document: Diane Depew emailed the latest draft of the “Recommended Best Practices for Virtual Participation” document to TAGGers prior to the meeting. The document was pulled-up on screen, reviewed and further enhanced by meeting participants. The latest version will be shared with TAGGers. The goal is to finalize the document in April and decide best ways to distribute the document.

- Upcoming visit from Drexel University Sr. VP Online Learning and President Drexel Online: To make the best use of Susan Aldridge’s time with the TAGGers and optimize outcomes of the scheduled April 2018 TAGG meeting with her, members identified the below as essential points for discussion with her.
  - Identify an expanded platform beyond the inspiring website to launch the TAGG Vignettes
  - Gain insight about the best ways to share TAGG documents to reach more members of the Drexel community
  - Learn from her vantage point how TAGG can better reach out and gain representation from all 12 schools and colleges within the university- Including to exploring the utility of “Liaison model” where each school/college identify a representative that connects and facilitate engagement with TAGG
  - TAGG is open to revisiting the mission/charge of the group- while the initial mission focused on addressing issues that confront distant faculty, TAGG is willing to innovate and create structures that allow participation of other members of the university’s community (Onsite faculty and professional staff) in some shape or form. They would like Susan Aldridge’s thoughts as we revisit the idea of reviewing and possibly revising the TAGG mission/vision and membership to be more inclusive
- Obtain input on how distant faculty can break barriers/unwritten rules that debar full participation in some university-wide committees/activities. Recently, a distant faculty was denied membership on university committee solely on the basis of the distance faculty remote status.

- **Padlet:** Paul Thomas Clements announced deferring the launch of the Padlet until April as he is still navigating the software to ensure that the information that will be housed there will have ease of access and use.

- Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM. The next TAGG standing meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018 – 12noon – 1pm. Paul Thomas Clements will send a notification to TAGGers.

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