



FACCC Communications Committee

Friday, September 1, 2023

10:00-11:00 AM PST

Notes

Attendees: Ryan Tripp, Amy Leonard, Dave Balch, Brian Greene, Dana DeMercurio, and Suji Venkataraman

Absent: Catherine Cheng and Troy Myers

Staff: Ashley Hamilton

Introducing...our new notetaker? Ashley will introduce automated notetaking during the next meeting and we will assess the outcome (unanimous).

Fall 2023 FACCTS: Editing almost complete (Ashley).

2023-24 Communications Committee Goals and Proposals

At the 2023 Committee Orientation, Ryan determined that the Communications Committee fulfilled its 2022-23 goals. Our goals for the 2023-24 academic year will focus on expansion—more journal articles, more blog posts and more podcast episodes. Brian suggested that the committee expand *Amplifying Voices* into alternative applications and platforms, such as Spotify. Amy seconded this proposal. Ashley did point out the extant Soundcloud platform exceeded the anticipated listening and download limit, so FACCC had to pay for an extension. Amy will send information on additional platforms and costs—tabled until the next meeting (unanimous).

Ryan emphasized that, in order to fulfill the 2023-24 aims, the Communications Committee required more authors, hosts, and bloggers. Ryan also explained that a dearth of Communications Committee attendees at All-Committee Day and the A&P, *in-person or otherwise*, was a trend that began during the pandemic. Ryan was the only attendee from the committee at the 2023 All-Committee Day.

Brian expressed concern that FACCC convened All-Committee Days (and the A&P) on weekends. Ashley addressed the schedule for 2024 and Ryan mentioned that full-time faculty only infrequently gave reasons (such as the weekend) for not attending. Troy usually attends the All-Committee Day and the A&P, but serves in myriad capacities and committees for FACCC. Moreover, only Amy, Dave, Oranit and Ryan could make their schedules work for Communications Committee meetings during the 2022-23 academic year. The remainder of full-time faculty reported difficulties vis-à-vis availability (despite monthly polls for date/time preferences).

In the context of the discussion over the All-Committee Day absences over the past three years, rather than solely for the 2023 convocation, Ryan added that, in addition to himself, Dave, Amy, and Oranit were the principal editors and authors for the 2022-23 academic year. Ryan concluded that a part-timer as chair ran the potential risk of only serving a nominal or coordinating role. For example, committee full-timers could support a part-timer as chair, yet dictate the goals of any given committee or, more likely, have more latitude in determining the appropriate level of participation for remaining on said committee.

Spring 2024 *FACCCTS*

Dana proposed a *FACCCTS* review of Gina Ann Garcia's *Transforming Hispanic-Serving Institutions for Equity and Justice* (2023).

Brian proposed a *tentative* article on state funding allocations for part-time benefits. Ryan added that unions and district administrators are supervising distribution and implementation, which necessitates the involvement---and, at certain colleges, the leadership---of full-time faculty. Suji prefers that the article focus *almost* exclusively on part-timers. Ryan concurred.

Suji additionally proposed an article on the part-time experience with college committees, including compensation and/or direct pay. The committee deliberated and agreed that there are variable college policies on part-time subsidies for committee positions. Ryan suggested that Suji author a blog post on her experience or a critical article on the foregoing. Suji tentatively agreed.

Amy proposed articles on "Return to Work" college/district policies as well as ZTC and OER subsidized expansion.

Ryan reiterated that *FACCCTS* should contain more policy and electoral content, given the purposes of FACCC, and encouraged the committee to propose more such articles at the next meeting. FACCC endorsements, for instance, should appear in a journal article, blog post, or podcast episode. Ashley concurred.

Ryan asked about a theme for the spring issue. Ashley recommended that we table that discussion for the next meeting. The committee supported the tabling (unanimous). As a placeholder, Ashley asked to insert “Interview with Evan” into the notes.

FACCC Blog

Dave is still waiting on the conclusion of a college inquiry into the 1906 Carnegie Unit concept. He also proposed a blog post on his college’s “Bot Quiz.” Amy will continue to draft a blog post on High Flex. Suji’s proposed article on part-timers and college committees may or may not correspond more with the FACCC Blog’s purposes. In addition, Ryan will delay his “History of FACCC” blog post as a follow-up to the fall 2023 *FACCCTS* article.

Amplifying Voices: A FACCC Podcast

Dana proposed an interview with Gina Ann Garcia for the ninth episode. Ryan will support Dana as Host and Dana will contact the author. Suji offered to interview a FACCC Regional Governor. Once she reaches out to him, the committee will discuss the proposal. Ryan reiterated that the policy aims of FACCC should be reflected in the podcast. In that context, Ryan proposed podcast interviews with state and local candidates for public office that FACCC endorsed.