

Steering Committee

3/10/17 9:30am Pacific

Facilitator: Sandra

1. Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer
2. Discussion about teaching
 - a) Nancy concerned about lack of teaching currently.
 - b) Sandra observed we are still talking about the same things as in Steering meetings going back years. We need action.
3. Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - a) Jenn moves to approve, Nancy seconds, unanimous approval.
4. Updates on action items from the previous meeting
 - a) Nancy - Draft communication outline for Ari & Laura in their norms doc. Didn't get to it.
 - b) Jenn: Email John about finances around retreat
 - i. Did so. John is okay paying for the house reservation and being reimbursed.
 - ii. Jenn needs other people to join Retreat Committee, will post another call for volunteers. Wants someone from Teaching and one other person. Laura volunteered, so just need someone from the Teaching & Curriculum Pillar.
 - iii. Discussion around food expenses.
 - iv. Discussion around scholarships.
 - v. Discussion around retreat topics.
 1. Sandra: we've had a couple retreats about the existential crisis currently going on. Let's take action! Let's act like a mystery school. We don't need to create a perfect structure to support a million students right now.
 2. General agreement.
 - vi. Discussion around including people who can't attend – idea to have portions where people can call in with Zoom.
 - vii. Jenn will have a meeting as soon as she finds someone from Teaching & Curriculum Pillar to join.
 - c) Ealasaid: Post minutes. Done.
 - i. Has stalled out on Katie – need to get her a Moodle login.
 - d) Sandra: hasn't been able to find the student application process anywhere.
 - i. Ealasaid will dig up and post.

- ii. Sandra will reach out to Katie to let her know she's in and we are working on things.
- 5. Pillar and other standing reports
 - a) Research & Alumni Pillar: Nothing to add. Jenn is the only member of this pillar.
 - b) Teaching and Curriculum: Ryan not here to report.
 - i. Discussion about inactivity of Teaching & Curriculum Pillar.
 - ii. Decision to ask Teaching to meet in the next month or let us know what's happening. Jenn will contact Ryan.
 - c) Temple & Tech Pillar
 - i. Nancy moves we approve a budget of \$300 for Temple & Tech Pillar for the year beginning at Samhain 2018, with an additional \$150 to tide over for now. Sandra seconds, unanimous approval.
 - ii. Sandra: Laura is taking over as liaison for Temple & Tech Pillar, Sandra will become at-large member.
 - d) Retreat – see above.
- 6. Any new business?
 - a) Temple & Tech: Ealasaid and Laura looking at new hosting, wiki, etc. Need Teaching & Curriculum Pillar input as things move forward.
 - i. Discussion about teachers not sticking to a single, consistent curriculum. That's okay, so we need to support teachers in other ways.
 - ii. Discussion about communication.
 - iii. Temple & Tech Pillar will set up Slacks for the other pillars.
 - b) Not really new business, but: Marketing: what are we trying to do with it? Who is audience? Discuss committee.
 - i. General agreement that we aren't ready to market, we don't have enough coherence.
 - ii. However, we also need action. We need to be teaching, we need a presence out there teaching this work.
 - iii. Sandra: Doesn't want to fake it to the point that we're lying but we do need to fake being stronger and more ready than we think we are because we *are* stronger and more ready than we think we are.
 - iv. General agreement that as a bare minimum we need a website we can send people to.
 - c) Vibes watchers/moderators. Ari & Laura working on this. Currently stalled.
 - d) Payments
 - i. Apparently we have web and bank fees of about \$100/mo., which is outrageous. May be paying for things that aren't being used, need to find out what and what expiration dates are, etc.
 - ii. Nancy moves to get an itemized list of all financial and contractual obligations (including contract end dates) from Solar Cross, and the

extraction of any needed data from Moodle in no less than six months.
Laura seconds. Unanimous agreement.

iii. Temple & Tech Pillar to take lead on this. John is our Solar Cross contact.

iv. We need to look into incorporating as an LLC, getting 501(c)3 status, other options. Make a regular agenda item.

7. Go over everyone's action items for next time

a) Jenn: will contact Ryan re: Teaching & Curriculum Pillar, we need them to take concrete action in the next month or give us an explanation why that's not happening.

b) Ealasaid: will post student application process

c) Temple & Tech Pillar will handle: to get an itemized list of all financial and contractual obligations (including contract end dates) from Solar Cross, and the extraction of any needed data from Moodle in no less than six months

d) Temple & Tech Pillar: set up Slacks for the pillars.

e) Sandra: get in touch with Katie

f) Nancy: draft communication guideline for Ari and Laura's ongoing work on the orientation doc

g) Ongoing agenda item: what are we spending tuition money on and what are students getting from it?

h) Ongoing agenda item: defining our status as an organization in relationship to Solar Cross, as a nonprofit, etc.

i) Next time: need to get conflict resolution process in place.

8. Facilitator leads breathing and prayer to close