

**NTID Faculty Congress NFC Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2020**  
**12 – 1:30 pm via Zoom**

**Chair: Mark Rosica**  
**Vice-Chair: Jessica Trussell**  
**Communications Officer: Adriana Kulakowski**

**Attending:** Jessica Trussell Mark Rosica, Adriana Kulakowski, Stephen Aldersley, Sandra Bradley, Catherine Clark, Bonnie Jacob, Patti Durr, Marcus Holmes, Mark Jeremy, Edward Mineck

**Absent:** Luane Davis Haggerty

**Notetaker:** Adriana Kulakowski

Agenda Item	Discussion / Status	Action Items
1. Review Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vote on September 29, 2020 Minutes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion: NFC Member</li> <li>Second: NFC Member</li> <li>Approve: Unanimous</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mark Jeremy's (from Information and Computing Studies ) replacement.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mark Rosica will be attending the 10/15/2020 ICS department meeting to discuss the role of their NFC representative and to seek out MJ's replacement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gerry has agreed to share the Antiracism policy with NFC prior to public dissemination. He is still collecting feedback from various student groups.</li> <li>● Future guest attending NFC               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Katie Schmitz and Corrine Occhino will present today on the Communication Task Force and the ASL Assessments in development.</li> <li>b. Ann Hager will present her Support Services workload report during the 10/27 meeting.</li> <li>c. Four NTID senators from Academic Senate will have an informal discussion of their work and issues with Academic Senate this year to date on 10/27.</li> <li>d. Reminder: There is a special observer webinar link set-up so that other faculty are able to observe NFC meetings (<a href="https://rit.zoom.us/j/98651721712">https://rit.zoom.us/j/98651721712</a>). Please share this with faculty who are interested in observing any meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>3. Current Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Communication Task Force and ASL Assessments in Development<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Katie Schmitz provided information regarding the Communication Task Force. An email was sent out spring 2020 detailing the current NTID Communication Policy. The task force will meet again in the near future to discuss the Communication and Language Assessment. Once all the assessments are complete and ready to be shared with the community, the assessments available will be updated on the website.</li><li>○ Corrie Occhino presented on the ASL Assessments in Development. Of the four assessment exams, two are available and ready to be used: ASL DT (Discrimination Test) and the ASL CT (Comprehensive Test). The remaining two newly implemented exams are still a work in process: ASL OVE (Online Vocabulary Exam) and the ASL Fingerspelling and Numbers Comprehension Exam. Due to the recent pandemic, the development of these two new assessment exams have been delayed. Corrie anticipates the remaining two assessments to be ready for use spring 2021. Sharon Lott’s department will be running the exams once they are ready. A one year “No Risk” trial period is being considered so that faculty and staff are able to try the assessments without any negative impact on their ASL Communication Assessment Report. If faculty/staff perform well during the “No Risk” trial period, they may have the option to record the scores on their ASL Communication Report. Katie Schmitz would like NFC to generate a survey to ask the NTID community if they would like the option on how to record their scores during the “No Risk” trial period. Katie will provide a write-up of the “No Risk” policy idea, and then NFC will create a brief Qualtrics survey to collect feedback from NTID faculty. Faculty/staff are able to take the ASL Communication and Language Assessment as often as possible. Also, faculty/staff are able to choose which scores to record and share on the ASL Communication Report. Aside from the SLPI, the goal of the new assessments is to show ASL Communication progress in skill development as well as progress over time. It is highly recommended by the administration to take all four assessment exams within one years’ timeframe to have a better understanding of one’s communication level. The overall goal is to have available multiple assessment options to evaluate one’s ASL communication level.</li></ul></li></ul>	
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	<p>Future of Faculty Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No new actions have been taken.</li> <li>○ The Future of Faculty report can be found on the NFC website for review.</li> <li>○ Topic of POWs and faculty appraisals are still unclear. This is Katie Schmitz’s area, questions should be directed toward her. Also refer to the Provost Communication last August that Mark posted on the shared drive <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fk7DH2DeW7zCiVI3QQ9NjDUOobv-FPP/_view?usp=sharing">.https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fk7DH2DeW7zCiVI3QQ9NjDUOobv-FPP/_view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Academic Senate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two nominations from faculty members have been received, therefore a voting survey must be created and sent out to the NTID voting eligible constituents.</li> <li>○ A voting survey will be sent to all eligible constituents . Encourage your eligible department constituents to vote by Thursday, 10/15.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New NFC Chairperson must be selected soon. Mark Rosica will be transitioning to retirement effective spring semester. A replacement for Chair must be made before the end of fall semester. NFC members should review the ByLaws when considering an internal nominee for this position. The new Chair will serve one and half term (until end of AY2021-22).</li> <li>● New at Large Position – As stated above, Mark Rosica will be retiring. A new At-Large representative must replace Mark before spring semester. Mark stated that he has received interest from his “At Large” constituency.</li> </ul>	
4. New Business	We will ask one of the Academic Senators to attend the NFC meetings on a regular basis. We will make this recommendation when we meet the senators at our next meeting. In addition, ask Gerry to attend the NFC on a monthly basis or with the Executive Committee.	
Meeting was adjourned	1:23 pm	

*Luane Davis Haggerty has reviewed (thank you for the notes!)*

*Bonnie Jacob reviewed*

*Catherine Clark reviewed*

*Marcus Holmes Reviewed*

*Mark Jeremy reviewed*

*patti durr has reviewed*

*JWT reviewed*

*MJR reviewed*

