

Teaching Center Advisory Committee
February 25, 2021 3:30 pm.
Held via zoom

In Attendance:

Amrita Dhar – Committee Chairperson (CAS)
Michael Stebar – (CAS)
Victoria Russell – Teaching Center Faculty Director (COE)
Melissa Wells – Teaching Center Faculty Fellow (COE)
Jennifer Walker – (COE)

The focus of today's meeting was a discussion about the 2021 UMW Academy that is tentatively planned for May 2021.

- There is targeted date in May after graduation (possibly May 13) but faculty will receive more information once plans are finalized.
- The UMW Academy is a showcase and celebration of pedagogical talents at UMW but the event has not been held in several years.
- The Academy is being "revived" and goals of the 2021 event include: showcasing best pedagogical practices, reflecting on the myriad of changes/impacts that COVID made on life at UMW, and optimistically looking ahead to what teaching will be like at UMW in the future.
- The structure of the event is still being developed but may include larger group activities (speakers, concurrent sessions/discussions) and presentations in the morning with smaller group activities in the afternoon.
- A CANVAS site for the course may be set up to share information and serve as a resource repository.

The TCAC members provided Victoria with ideas and suggestions for the Academy. The committee members were encouraged to share information with UMW colleagues and seek feedback/input on what the faculty would like to experience at the Academy.

The March TCAC meeting will involve discussion of UMW's New Faculty Orientation programs and what role(s) the TCAC should play with the Teaching Center and UMW.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00

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