**Teaching Center Advisory Center Notes**

**January 28th, 2022**

In attendance: Davis Oldham, Marcus Leppanen, Victoria Russell, Gonzalo Campos-Dintrans, Don Lee

1. Call to order at 11:02 am
2. New business
   1. Discussion of the new committee structure following elimination of TCAC as a standing committee.

Victoria reported on the needs of the new advisory group. The group will likely meet once each semester. In the beginning of the fall semester, the group will meet to assist in writing and reviewing the Center for Teaching (CfT) assessment report. In the spring, the focus will be on planning events for the future year.

Currently the CfT does not have a budget to support future fellows within the teaching center or provide other grant money (especially for pedagogical development during the summer). The members of the TCAC agreed that as a teaching-first institution UMW should invest in the CfT. Should the CfT is able to provide significant grant money, the future advisory group for the center will assist in reviewing applications and awarding of grants. We also discussed the possibility of incorporating the CfT into Giving Day as a way to increase the budget. This is a challenge since many students do not interact with the teaching center during their time at UMW.

Victoria also suggested 8 as a good size for the group. The composition of the group should be from across ranks as well as experience with the teaching center. The members will be chosen by Victoria, and will be advertised to the campus community.

* 1. Update on the role of the CfT director in the strategic vision assessment

Victoria will chair the “Immersing our students in applied, impactful learning experiences” working group as part of UMW’s revisiting of the 2017 strategic vision. As part of that process, the TCAC will explore ways in which the CfT can be involved in taking actions that could promote high-impact teaching goals (e.g. working with faculty to develop an intentional approach to student retention).