

To: Melanie Hetzel-Riggin
From: Luciana Aronne. Chair of Non Tenure Track Committee
Re: Annual Report

Members: Luciana Aronne (SCI) Chair, Faisal Aqlan (ENG), Stephanie Diaz (HSS), Robert Edwards (ENG), Matthew Levy (HSS), Kristen McAuley (BUS) Courtney Nagle (SCI), Gary Smith (BUS), Ken Miller ex officio, John Patrick Jarecki SGA President

Note: Many charges from last year were reassigned to committees under the “Count me in” initiative and therefore, were no longer worked on by this committee.

The committee met twice this academic year (October 16th, 2018 and April 22nd, 2019). The committee struggled with finding their identity and purpose and after some discussion, identified some topics of importance to be pursued for next year. These are now new charges for next year’s committee.

Charges:

Charge 1: (Standing Charge) In coordination with the Office of Student Affairs, review and report on implemented or recommended policies, programs, and services which regulate and support student life on campus.

Note: this charge requires attending the meetings for the Facility Fee Committee.

Gary Smith and Faisal Aqlan attending meetings lead by Ken Miller for the academic year.

Charge 2: Locate graduated international students for testimonials about obtaining a degree from Behrend and use testimonials as a recruitment and retention tool.

Progress: Kristen McAuley has been working on communicating with international alumni through LinkedIn. A list of questions to ask these alumni was developed by Kristen and Riki Hay. The goal is to collect information this summer. The idea is to develop a handout to give current international students and possibly having video interviews at a later date.

New Charges Suggested:

Charge 3: Support student-faculty interactions and engagements.

Progress: Stephanie Diaz came up with the idea of “take a faculty member to lunch” day where a student could invite a faculty member of their choosing to lunch and interact with faculty outside of the classroom. The library has funds where they could sponsor this event by providing food for the occasion. The idea is to have possibly two per academic year (one in the fall and one in the spring).

Charge 4: Encourage student community service.

Progress: None. This idea was brought up by Courtney Nagle and will be started next academic year.

Charge 5: Focus on promoting awareness, use, and creation of Open Access and Open Educational Resources (OER) among faculty. This would be student-centered, because it is partly focused on college affordability (textbook costs).

NOTE: If the committee chooses to pursue this charge, Matt Ciszek should be involved since he is the University Libraries' OA/OER liaison for Behrend.

Progress: None. This charge will be started next academic year.

Charge 6: The committee will keep a record of concerns and projects enacted by the outgoing SGA president. This insures that the past president's vision is maintained.

Progress: None. This charge will be started next academic year. However, John Paul Jarecki is again SGA President so he will be able to establish protocol for this charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luciana Aronne