CONGRATULATIONS!

• Board of Trustees announced promotions last Friday
• Congratulations to University Senate member, Mandy Rispoli, Professor of Educational Studies, on her promotion:
• Did I miss anyone else?

Faculty promotions at Purdue approved by board

Purdue University’s Board of Trustees today (April 12) approved faculty promotions. The following promotions are effective with the 2019-20 academic year.
Thank you for sending it on!

Also posted with other Senate meeting documents

Professor Williams great idea: add info in your e-mail:

In addition to what is mentioned in the newsletter, I would also draw your attention to a Lafayette Journal-Courier article reporting about questions posed to President Daniels during this senate meeting about Purdue’s response and concerns related to the recent Operation Varsity Blues scandal in which parents, coaches, administrators, and others were involved in fraudulently getting kids into colleges.

Finally, President Daniels also spent about 10 minutes presenting physical changes on campus, including several buildings being built as we speak, others that are likely to be built in the near future, and changes to 3rd Street to turn it into a pedestrian walkway/greenspace. Also, repurposing the Armory to make way for more classrooms and a food court.
On February 28, 2019, the Univ. of CA System Canceled Its Contract with Elsevier

Professor S. Brouder, Chair, Univ. Library Committee

What has happened:

• UC action similar to decisions in Europe, …
• UC’s decision follows:
  • Adoption of open access (OA) policy (state-wide policy in 2013)
  • Years (15+) of system-wide discussions re Elsevier costs
  • Hiring (2013) of consultant to communicate / raise awareness / facilitate decision making
• UC negotiating strategy → reduce subscription fees by amt. to reflect already-paid OA fees
• Current status???

Purdue situation:

• Elsevier contract: 2nd 1 Yr extension of 2013 – 2017 contract
• Libraries ~ watching, waiting, assessing, preparing
  • Supporting member of SPARC (Scholarly Publication and Academic Resources Coalition)
  • Ongoing assessment of asset use
  • New Dean arrives July 1 ~ conversations w/ procurement will resume
• Anticipated/Potential next steps
  • Another 1 Yr extension to prepare
  • New Dean will help facilitate discussions
  • Senate revisit question of campus-wide OA policy in context of OA legislation & funder requirements
• September – shared their Senate Resolution --
  • Encourage faculty commitment to professional development
  • Provide general education using a student-centered approach
  • Ensure integrity and respect
  • Promote continuous improvement

• February – shared their Engagement Survey results
  • 72% agree or strongly agree that they are committed to their organization, doing a good job, satisfied with their job, employer, and proud of the work they do
Purdue Global

• Class: Take Me Out to the Ballgame (pilot)
  • Instructors:
    • Professor Rebecca Herman, Professor of Leadership, Purdue Global
    • 150th Anniversary Professor Randy Roberts, Distinguished Professor of History, Purdue University
  • Course composition: Weekly seminars and Q&A with the instructors; asynchronous discussions, reading assignments, quizzes
  • My impressions: both instructors were both knowledgeable and very interesting. I particularly enjoyed the historical analysis (context, racism, gender, Title IX, ….)
  • I believe that the many alumni who have signed up for the course will enjoy it
Case study, based on one undergraduate course (2019): Leadership and Ethics in Health Care

- Case Western Reserve Medical School, retired professor

Comments:

- A structure assures standardization given that the same courses taught by varied faculty members. To my surprise, conceptual learning goals I have for students were not overly limited by the Purdue Global curriculum.

- The curriculum provided requisite academic structure (e.g. literature, assignment requirements, etc.) while giving ample flexibility to provide a full measure of my academic and experiential perspective.
• Comments, continued:
• While the structure and methods vary from the established university setting, they are designed to provide access to this group of learners who are actively engaged in needed pursuits, e.g. full time work and raising families, frequently both. They are designed to provide the access and flexibility for these learners to fulfill requirements and achieve learning goals. Examples include examples such as asynchronous exchange with colleagues and faculty, and fulfilling the seminar requirement through in-person attendance or seminar review and written submission.
• The single class included students from Hawaii to Belgium (US military base). Examples include:
  • An active military medic, soon going home to south Texas
  • A mother of three with from Jamaica, now in Atlanta, working full time and creating a better life and example for her girls
  • An exceptionally thoughtful manager with evident leadership capacity obtaining the credential for a major leadership role
  • A Native American woman of the Navaho tribe driving many miles from the reservation to her federal government job, attending class and studying at night to advance her education. She cares for 2 sons and a daughter while her husband travels for work.
  • An Iraq war veteran, medically discharged after his tank rolled over an improvised explosive device, who watched fellow soldiers die in that explosion
My Observations

- It was a pleasure to get to know the Purdue Administration and the Board of Trustees.
- A lot of study, considerations, expertise, and debate goes into their decisions.
- They volunteer their expertise to help guide a multi-billion dollar entity to assure a stable future.
- The Board members give a lot of time to this effort.
- Because of the work of the Board, the Administration, and Faculty Senate, I believe that the future is strong at Purdue – for our students, faculty, and staff.
Committee Work

Both our Faculty and Standing Committees were busy this year – thank you for all your time, deliberations, and guidance on the work you did:

- Working with the Purdue Administration
- Bringing documents to the Senate for consideration and votes
- Chairs, June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020: continuing members and new members vote for the chair and they are all possible candidates
- Outgoing chairs – remember to turn in your annual report

Thank you all for your service and your commitment to continuous improvements at Purdue!
Thank YOU

It has been my honor to represent the Purdue faculty this year.

I wish you good luck with the rest of this semester, a happy and healthy summer, and all the best for AY 19-20 and beyond.