

**University of Southern Indiana
Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2021**

Present:

Oana Armeanu, Paul Arthur, Christy Baker, Michael (Brody) Broshears, Shelly Blunt, Andrew Buck, Amy Chan Hilton, Tori Colson, Charles Conaway, Charlotte Connerton, Belle Cowden, Cindy Deloney-Marino, James Dickerson, Michael Dixon, Wes Durham, William (Bill) Elliott, Jr., Trent Engbers, Jennifer Evans, Abbas Foroughi, Renee Frimming, Erin Gilles, Sukanya Gupta, Jason Hardgrave, Marna Hostetler, Lee Ann Howard, Rick Hudson, Jessica Garces Jensen, Paul Kuban, Melanie Lee, Julie McCullough, Amie McKibban, Chad Milewicz, Kimberly Parsons, Oana Popescu-Sandu, Jill Raisor, Silvia Rode, Gina Schaar, Todd Schroer, Sara Stevens, Connie Swenty, Wendy Turner, Ken Walsh, Amy Wilson, Stephanie Young, and Emilija Zlatkovska

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Parsons.

Provost Khayum-Provost Khayum will reach out to departments regarding academic program reviews. Provost Khayum mentioned a project with a Purdue industrial engineering course on how we view the process of evaluating emerging academic programs. Provost Khayum is looking for a department from each college to volunteer for this project. If interested, please email Chair Parsons.

Dr. Ann White, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions- Dr. Ann White spoke briefly on the Adult Learner Initiative. University of Southern Indiana was awarded a \$2.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment to focus on the needs of adult learners. The funds will be used to create a Center for Adult Learners Success. Currently, there are seven open positions which are all funded through the grant. The goal is to work collaboratively with all the programs (certificate, undergraduate, and graduate) to try to support and identify ways to involve adult learners.

Approval of the minutes from February 24, 2021: The minutes were approved without objection.

Dr. Katie Ehlman, Professor of Gerontology; Director, Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness; Director USI Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program- Dr. Katie Ehlman presented on several different grant funded projects including the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program, Building a Dementia-Component Nursing Home Workforce with Positive Approach to Care, the Minka Revival, and the Indiana Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network.

Jessica Leonard, Campus Store Manager-First Day Access adoptions and traditional textbook adoptions for Fall 2021 are due May 1. All traditional textbooks are ordered through the adoption insight portal (AIP) found on myUSI. If you have difficulty, please send to textbook manager Amanda Sammet, asammet@usi.edu. First Day Access adoptions, please email Jessica Leonard,

sm8386@bncollege.com. If you require supplies or kits for a course, please send request to Jill Huelsing, jhuelsing@usi.edu?

Meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

Next meeting: April 28, 2021 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Frimming, Secretary