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W560A · DIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE - COVID-19 Impact on Faculty Academic Careers

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Background

- "What Counts as Success? Recognizing and Rewarding Women Faculty's Differential Contributions in a Comprehensive Liberal Arts University," NSF IT ADVANCE Grant# 1629875 @ Seattle University (2016)
- Faculty members perform work that contributes to the university's mission but does not count toward promotion to the rank of a professor
 - Examples: mentoring and advising students, community-based research, administration, leadership in professional societies, industry ties for internships, etc.
- Goal: rethink promotion process to account for faculty differential contributions



COVID-19 and Faculty

- SUADVANCE Question: What effects did the move to remote instruction having on existing inequities in faculty workload and in work-life balance?
- Emergent Themes:
 - Faculty are balancing more caregiving at home.
 - Certain faculty are doing essential work in marginalized communities that they worry "won't count" for tenure or promotion.
 - Teaching and administrative service have overwhelmed research and writing time for most faculty.
 - "The collapse of the professional into the personal" in terms of time and space \rightarrow stressful.
 - Pervasive worry about student evaluations, external reviewers, tenure clock delays, promotion delays, expected levels of productivity.



Session Overview

- Small group discussion on impact of Covid-19 on faculty through a DEI lens (20 min)
- Report out on small group discussion (20 minutes)
- What can ASEE do to support equitable and inclusive virtual education?



Instructions

- I. Choose a reporter who will share during the report-out after the discussion
- 2. Note your Breakout Group #. Find your Group # in the google doc. This is your notes area.
- 3. Read through the 6 questions. (they are the same for every group)
- 4. Choose one question to discuss. Record your notes in the notes area.
- 5. If you have time, discuss another question.

Link to google doc: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/IN6yzJtvjfqv_vpQFw-</u>xjXxnpkG7h2IVa7axm6-Q_rXA/edit?usp=sharing



Breakout Session

- I. What effects did the move to remote instruction have on existing inequities in faculty workload and in work-life balance at your institution?
- 2. What efforts are being made at your institution to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on faculty?
- 3. Should we be rethinking tenure and promotion processes to reflect the different times we live in and the different faculty population?
- 4. What initiatives can ASEE undertake to make a positive impact in this area in a post-pandemic world?



Report out

Moderators will call on group reporters to summarize their discussion. Type your additional suggestions in the chat box.

