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Subject: Follow-up on Faculty Coordinator Positions

Hi, all! I'm writing to share an update. I wrote to Chisa to ask about the faculty coordinator positions. Here is her response:

"The positions are in the FA tentative agreement that was signed with an MOU in January for beyond this year- but they have not been approved or appointed by Senate for beyond this year. We began the discussion at the last exec meeting and will continue it during the next one- but you are right I have been pretty much entirely consumed with Covid-19 dealings- and am desperately behind in all of my committee, council, and coordinator appointments!"

However, I believe these were for only 8 annual LHE (4 per semester) for one person from math and one from English. I did initially ask for a SEAP coordinator position to replace my current Basic Skills Coordinator position, but there was no movement on that at all. So where it stands now, I will not be available for any of the cross-campus work I've done for the last four years. Ned would apply for the 8 units, so he'd be able to do some, but with such a small amount of LHE, he wouldn't be available to do the kind of work I've done for this time. For me, with no LHE, I will be swamped teaching half of my load and co-chairing the English Department.

I know that math may be in a similar predicament. I cannot imagine David doing all of this work with only 8 annual LHE. So if there is any possibility of a SEAP coordinator to replace the Basic Skills Coordinator position, that would be beneficial. I know that we also got Title V grant, so perhaps there is funding in that grant that would allow English and math faculty to continue some of these efforts that are very connected to equity. I have also sent an inquiry to Adrienne Price and Chisa about that grant.

Thank you all for your support of faculty as we work together to serve our students. I hope that there is a way to keep the momentum that we've built over the last four years.

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