

NOTES From the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Work Group

April 21, 2021

Attending:

Philip Bonner

Corinne Smith

Sherrie Carroll

Mitchell Tropin

Megan Calvert

Phil reported that he had good turnout for his “Small Change” workshop on March 22, which is part of his four part series on promoting student independence and a growth mindset.

Megan discussed her April 15 workshop on engaging quiet students, which attracted 11 persons.

A series of pedagogical seminars were held with mixed success. One seminar attracted two persons, while two had no attendees.

The TP/SS Workgroup continues to receive criticism of the new sign up process for seminars and workshops on Work Day. Several faculty and staff are complaining about difficulties in signing up, accessing the events and even finding the events. A major complaint focuses on the fact that events are listed on chronological order anymore.

In addition, there was criticism regarding the lack of publicity for some events.

The Workgroup will be increasing its focus in the Fall on events that emphasize love of learning and fundamentals of teaching. In addition to seminars and workshops, Workgroup will be preparing instructional videos and other forms of media.

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