

Faculty Development Steering Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, August 31, 2007

Present: Mike Russell, Roy Wohl, Pat Munzer, Virginia Pruitt, Sarahh Cook, Donna LaLonde, Nancy Tate

Absent: Patricia Renn-Scanlan, Annie Collins, Kevin Charlwood, Denise Ottinger, Gene Wunder

Staff: Linda Spaulding

Due to the Faculty After Hours on Sept. 7, which begins immediately following the Promotion & Tenure Workshop, the Committee met the Friday before the Workshop

There was brief discussion of the calendar for this academic year:

October: Qualities of Outstanding Teachers; Donna LaLonde, Mike Russell

November: The Ideal 21st Century Student; Sarah, Kevin, Gene

December: Winter Social; Patricia, Denise, Everybody

February: Cecil Shows His Wiki; Donna LaLonde

March: Guiding Student Research; Sarah, Virginia

April: Biggest Loser: What's In Your Future: Faculty Development's Future Top 10!; Roy, Pat

For the October Workshop setup will include round tables, with only 6 people at each table. Initial plans to find a speaker from outside the University had to be changed due to budget constraints. Mike handed out an outline of the planned workshop, taken from the book "Things the Best College Teachers Do." Donna and Mike will be leading a discussion based on the chapter, "How do they conduct class?"

The November Workshop will include a panel of students to get the discussion started. Sarah and Kevin have been working on plans.

At the beginning of the meeting there was discussion of Joanne's dismissal as coordinator of Washburn's Faculty Development Program. The committee members were encouraged by Donna LaLonde and Nancy Tate to express their feelings about this issue to Dr. Bowen. The committee recognizes that Joanne carried much of the load of the program herself, and is concerned about finding the right person to become the next coordinator. Donna reported that Dr. Bowen has agreed to allow the committee to function without a coordinator for at least this semester, and for members to study similar programs at other universities, etc., to assist in determining the direction we should take and who would be best suited as the next coordinator. It was agreed, with some trepidation, to postpone the selection of leadership for the time being.

Virginia Pruitt announced that she will be resigning from the Committee at the end of this academic year, in protest over Joanne's dismissal. Mike Russell announced he will be resigning following the October workshop, also in protest over Joanne's dismissal.

Linda reported that money is extremely tight this year and the Program will have to scale back on refreshments. Basics are fine, but no more gourmet spreads. Nancy stated the Academic Affairs Office would be in favor of funding a "nicer" selection of refreshments for the Winter Social.

Linda will attach the spreadsheet of this year's programs to the e-mail carrying the minutes.