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Faculty Development Committee
 Friday, 23 Sep 11, at 8 am in the McGinnis Room of the Briggs Library.
Attended:   Siobhan Bremer, Judy Korn, William Straub, Zac VanCleve, Gordon McIntosh, Farah Gilanshah

Agenda-minutes taken by Siobhan Bremer

**1. Dean Bart Finzel**
**2. Minutes from 9 Sep 11**
**3. Brown bag lunches**
**4. Dr. Heather Peter's Faculty Center Report sent previously**
**5. Next meeting time**
**1) Dean Bart Finzel** attended our meeting to share with us a list of projects he would like our committee to work on.
1. Feedback on the Faculty Development Day (assess what worked and what didn't)
2.  Put together a proposal, which could include a model for the **Pilot** program, listed below. Because the pilot program is intended to begin this fiscal year the Dean would like our committees plan in a month.

   Tim Mulcahy, Vice President for Research, indicated that he would fund a two-year, $25K per year pilot for funding release time for faculty who want to pursue research but need a course release to give them sufficient time to engage.

   3)  Give guidance/a proposal/structure to a pilot program, which could fund faculty sabbaticals.
   Tim also offered to consider funding a $25K per year for up to two years **Pilot** for funding faculty sabbaticals to do research or scholarship. The Dean gave a few examples of how this money could be used which included funding a percentage of a single persons sabbatical leave. Another idea was to add this money to the supplemental sabbatical fund.
The Dean encouraged us to invite Kristin Kearns who wrote a white paper on the advantages of release time models.
1. Give guidance on/create a process for a call of proposals/ determine the amount of money that would attract faculty to take part in **Founders Scholar** of Liberal Arts project.

   The Founders Scholar is a project where students investigate aspects of liberal arts education that they find interesting and then create a product such as a white paper, musical composition or a play. The product would be presented to faculty and/or at a national forum.

   The Dean would like to post a call in January. The faculty would be funded in the summer. Currently the fund holds $200,000 and gains a 10% interested yearly.

2. a) Inventory number of students and amount of money used for summer work

connected to undergraduate research exploration for possible development of a Center for Undergraduate Research Exploration.

b) Create a vision/mission for the center, which could include how to compensate faculty, reduced summer housing rate for students…

**c) propose what is needed to sustain faculty engagement/involvement in this center.

**indicates what the Dean believes directly connects to the Faculty Dev Center Committee

Some examples of summer research include;

ELSAP, Center for Small Towns, UROP, grants and in some instances Directed Studies.

Contact Paula, ACE director, and Roger, Grants, to collaborate/share research already done.

Before the Dean left we talked briefly about the Faculty Dev Center research done by Heather. The Dean said one of the issues with developing the center is location.

**2) Minutes from 9 Sep 11**

We corrected minutes from last week and approved them as amended

**3) Brown Bag lunches**

We will wait until spring to talk about lunches because we now have a lot to accomplish in the fall

1. **Dr. Heather Peter's Faculty Center Report**

After discussion among group members it was decided that Gordon would prepare a statement for the Dean about the Fac Dev Center, we would all look it over and when all agree Gordon would send it forward to the Dean.

**5) Added Item    Asking the Big Question support**

We all agreed that the FDC would support/endorse? Asking the  Big Question