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Faculty Development Committee Meeting
February 12, 2015

Present: Tracy Otten, Mark Logan (chair), Rebecca Dean, Jeremy Kager-Gatzow, and Adele Lawler

Copies of last week's meeting were handed out and the responses from the survey.

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved. Karger-Gatzow will send to Jayne Blodgett for the Digital Well.

Logan attended the FAACPAC open forum but he did not get much concrete information for the purposes of topics for the Fall Professional Development Day. He did get a couple of comments from last year's meeting. There was one very vocal response to build social time. People want more professional development activities.

Otten said one of her colleagues would like to see resources for teaching-related activities. Logan also had someone from math mention the same issue. Otten asked if there was a good turnout; Logan asked Dave Roberts on the response but Dave has not said yet, although it seemed like the turnout was a bit sparse. There were tables set out with different topics (professional development, faculty concerns, and appreciation concerns).

Heather Peters and Chlene Anderson's comments would not fit on the response survey spreadsheet; Lawler will go into the Google drive and try to get the complete comments to the group and will also put list in alphabetical order.

Logan asked the committee if they him to want to contact specific people now, in order to develop the Fall Professional Development Day soon. Logan asked if he should email all people who answered "yes" to the question "would you be willing to facilitate a small group" to get more information, what would the committee like to do? Tailor the email to the specific people and ask for more information. It was agreed to email the specific people to follow up on the survey responses.

Dean stated that perhaps there should be longer time at the tables, if one hour by the time everyone is done talking about their "story" there isn't much time for a speaker.

It was suggested to pair up people with the same idea (Viktor Berberi and others who mentioned "languages"). Also, if several people mentioned a related topic, he will state this in the email; he will also ask what structure they would for discussions.

Otten asked if the committee is looking at last year's schedule – in the morning have the workshops and in the afternoon have and open an open session. Dean said she didn't make it back last year for the Fall Professional Development Day and asked what was done in the afternoon; Logan explained the "It's Your Conversation" to her.

Dean asked how long the open session lasted; Lawler gave the information. The committee liked Timna Wyckoff's idea that everyone brings an effective classroom tool/activity that would help others. Logan asked if this would be a bunch of tables and everyone bring a technique. Dean said everyone who came could talk about what they did (really cool activities, etc.). Perhaps break these out by discipline?

It was asked if there would be anyway to time-frame the breaks, lunch, etc. Dean asked if it would be possible to have a bonfire or other social event in the evening. Lawler will check with Karen Ellis, coordinator of special events and conferences. Another idea was maybe a happy hour at the LaFave House for faculty & P&A. Lawler will check with Karen Ellis.

Tentative agenda:

A.M. – workshops (still need to discuss if these will be concurrent. Last year –two main tracks – research and universal design track) The grants didn't work as well since grants had first session of new faculty (Grants 101) and the afternoon one a more advanced session (Grants 201).

P.M. – open sessions (Logan will contact Argie Manolis to see if she would be willing to facilitate an open session again).

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.