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Faculty Development Committee

January 15, 2015

1 - 2:00

201 Behmler

Present: Mark Logan, Rebecca Dean, Adele Lawler and Tracy Otten

Unable to attend: Jeremy Karger-Gatzow, Zach Johnson and Alex Stangel

I. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes for the November 24th and December 8th meetings were reviewed and approved. Otten and Lawler agreed to send copies to Jayne Blodgett for the Digital Well.

II. Upcoming open forum:

The group discussed the campus open forum on professional development being planned by FACPAAC. The event will take place on February 2, 4-6pm, in the TMC. Mark has limited information regarding the plans other than that the event is meant to be a fun and casual meeting, where individuals can drop in as they are able, to discuss the issue. FACPAAC would like the support of FDC and MASA in promoting the event. The objective is to obtain clear input on desired professional development opportunities. The engagement survey conducted earlier this year indicated lower satisfaction rates in the area of professional development than the previous year and it is unclear whether this is due to the vague nature of the survey question or actual dissatisfaction with current professional development opportunities on campus.

III. Development Day Survey:

Lawler and Logan provided the committee with copies of the email survey to campus soliciting input for the Fall Professional Development Day. The group reviewed the survey and Lawler will make some minor revisions to the Google document and send it back out to the committee later today. The committee decided the survey will go out in the next week and a reminder will go out after the FACPAAC meeting the beginning of February. Depending on the results we may send out an additional request near the end of the semester.

IV. Committee membership:

As per the UMM constitution, the FDC requires USA and MCSA members to sit on the committee. Currently the committee has no designated USA representation. Lawler has made efforts to fill the position but has been unable to find someone. She will now contact Jeff Lamberty to request a name.

Logan shared an email from MCSA proposing to drop the student membership from FDC. The students currently appointed to the committee, Johnson and Stangel, were unable to participate last semester due to scheduling. MCSA representatives serve on a number of committees and filling the required slots can be challenging. MCSA indicated that there are other committee obligations where their input is more pressing than related to Faculty Development. They indicated that there are constitutional revisions forthcoming this spring that will propose adjustments in required membership assignments. While the Faculty Development Committee values the input of the students, the committee understands that their time may be better spent elsewhere.

Logan asked that the committee meet again next Thursday January 22, at 1 pm in Behmler 201.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Otten