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Faculty Development Committee
October 2, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Humanities #112

Present: Tracy Otten (chair), Peter Dolan, Windy Roberts, Stephanie Farrian, and Adele Lawler

Absent: Kathryn Beuato and Maddy Lerner

I. Approval of the minutes:

The minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved. Otten will send to Jayne Blodgett for the Digital Well.

II. Center for Educational Innovation:

Otten informed the group that David Langley will be at UMM on October 27, 2015, since the Faculty Development Committee has a meeting that day, he will be at the meeting. Otten would like the committee to think of issues to ask him and the best way to maximize his visit. Langley usually does hour long workshops; it would be great if he could come once a month in the spring semester and do 2-3 hours on specific topics. Otten stated that the Dean's office sent her a list of 1-3 year term and tenure track faculty; these are the faculty the FDC want to target with Langley's visits (there are approximately 25 faculty on this list). FDC will need to work on a timeframe for the workshops; it is not known if he will come for two days. It would be ideal to have a day workshop and then a workshop in the evening to reach all targeted faculty. Langley is aware that UMM would like to have a workshop in the first part of spring semester. Dolan would be willing to do a dot poll survey to the faculty to get an idea of a time that would be best.

Otten stated that Langley will arrive around 10:00 a.m. and leave at 4:00 p.m. for his visit on October 27, 2015 and is meeting with a number of different groups. Otten said she has not been able to get a meeting room (Humanities #112 is not available that day); Farrian said she would get the meeting room (she will also get a meeting room for October 16, 2015). Otten stated the Dean and DC were supportive of the idea to focus on the newer faculty as a first step in working with CIE. If this works well, it could be continued on a recurring basis.

The committee will need to tailor Langley's workshops to the need of UMM faculty; there was a concern that faculty might resent having something more added to their schedules. The initial email to the targeted faculty needs to encourage faculty to want to attend these workshops. How the FDC sells the idea of the workshops will impact how the faculty will receive it.

The committee also discussed taking advantage of UMM faculty potentially pairing them with Langley. The consensus of the committee was that this is a good idea. Perhaps it would be a good idea to involve UMM's ADT (Academy of Distinguished Teachers) or solicit suggestions from Division Chairs. Lawler will send Otten a list of UMM ADT.

It was discussed if there would need to be pre-registration for the workshops. There was a discussion if there were not enough of the 1-3 year term or tenure track faculty attending if the workshop(s) could be open to other faculty.

The idea of a mixer was discussed and it was suggested to possibly use the mixer as a kick-off event. The kick-off event could be held the first week of classes in spring semester. Otten will discuss this with the Dean and get back to the committee. Lawler will check with the Dean if the funding will be available.

Roberts stated the idea of the workshops would be very valuable to strengthen the UMM cohort and help with retention of quality faculty.

Otten concluded the meeting by stating she will touch base with the Dean before beginning scheduling with Langley directly. She will also solicit the division chairs for their input and assistance in recommending faculty that might be interested in co-presenting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by Adele Lawler