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Faculty Development Committee
November 24, 2014
11:30-12:30
Moccasin Flower Room

Present: Mark Logan, Adele Lawler, Jeremy Karger-Gatzow
Unable to attend: Zach Johnson and Alex Stangel

I. Committee Membership:

Mark explained that there is some uncertainty regarding the current committee roster, in particular the USA and 3rd faculty position. He has also not heard back from the student members. He and Adele are working to get this issue resolved as soon as possible.

II. Time Release Funds:

The deadline for applications is Dec. 5th and the call for proposals will go out today.

The committee reviewed the application, program guidelines and FAQ sheet. The group briefly discussed the history of the release. The preference for granting the course release over the option for summer funds was emphasized. Mark will check the link on the guidelines page.

Adele will follow up with the Dean regarding the following questions:

- Are we still in the two-year pilot period? If not, what is the frequency faculty can be awarded the release? This information needs to be updated on the FAQ sheet.
- Will the Grants Development be facilitating the review process as they have done in the past?
- How many applications will be supported this year?

Mark explained that after the committee reviews the applications, we make our recommendations to the Dean. In the past, each member reviewed the submitted proposals, ranked them and gave a rationale for ranking in advance of the meeting. The group then came together for a one-hour meeting to agree upon the final rankings.

III. Fall Professional Development Day Surveys:

Over 70 faculty attended sessions this fall and 27 provided feedback. Mark explained that in previous years, the sessions had focused on teaching, research OR service on a three-year rotation. However, this year the committee moved away from this model and combined the topics.

On a related note, Mark told the committee that he discussed the Faculty Engagement Survey results with Dave Roberts of the Faculty Affairs Committee and there is concern regarding the question related to development opportunities. The FAC is looking to organize an open forum for faculty to discuss the issue and may want assistance from FDC. The 2014 FES were good in that regard so there is concern about the shift.

The committee discussed the 2014 survey responses.

The committee will meet again next Monday, December 1 at 11:30.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30