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Faculty Development Committee

November 3, 2017, 9-10am

Student Activities Conference Room

Present: Tracy Otten (Chair), Peter Dolan, Windy Roberts, Peter Bremer, Stephanie Ferrian, Parker Smith and Josiah Gregg

I. Welcome to our new student representatives: Parker Smith and Josiah Gregg

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

III. Upcoming meeting with David Langley:

Otten invited members of the committee to meet with David Langley on November 9 at 10am in the Moccasin Flower Room. She intends to discuss possible topics for Langley's spring campus visits:

- Honors related sessions
- Teaching that sticks
- Using examples
- Possible active learning classroom sessions

Additionally, Otten hopes to learn more about the CEI commitment upgrade for the coordinate campuses. While it is unclear at this point what that will look like, FDC, in consultation with the Division Chairs, has been identified as the primary group that will work with CEI to articulate UMM's specific needs moving forward.

IV. Update on meeting with Interim Dean Erickson:

Otten shared information from her recent meeting with the Dean. The Dean indicated potential funds available to expand faculty development opportunities on campus. She asked that the FDC committee consider ways in which we could get more faculty involved in either D. Langley's sessions, the CEI expanded efforts or events based around webinars from the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. According to NCFDD representatives, other universities host group viewing sessions of webinars and discuss the topic afterward. Similarly, if FDC wants to host Langley overnight, there could be funding available for his stay, snacks, beverages, etc. The committee discussed these options and decided to look at NCFDD offerings for spring '18. We will also look at the costs associated with reserving the LaFave House for an evening event, web viewing and providing snacks, etc. Otten will discuss the potential of scheduling evening sessions with Langley. Several members on the committee are skeptical of scheduling evening events given the number of other activities on campus at any given point. It was agreed that we could start with NCFDD viewing sessions this spring but hold off on evening programming with Langley until we can gauge interest.

Otten and the Dean also discussed the role of the Division Chairs in promoting the various teaching development sessions, specifically for early career faculty. While D. Langley's has been coming out to Morris regularly for over two years, participation by newer faculty is relatively low. The Chairs could be very influential in spreading the word about these resources and encouraging participation.

The Dean also asked the committee to discuss the Welcome Week festivities. Specifically, she would like input on the campus picnic and the possibility of bringing back the Dean's Dessert. The committee agreed that the picnic, which typically falls on the evening of Fall Professional Development Day, makes for a very long day. FDC feels the picnic is an important time for campus families to reconnect after the summer months, however the committee feels it would be better scheduled on a different day. Several members remembered the Dean's Dessert that used to take place after the new faculty had dinner with the Chancellor. Those members felt that the event was a good way for everyone to welcome newly hired faculty. The perception of the picnic is that it is more for current faculty and staff, less about the new folks. In campus surveys, the faculty consistently state they want more opportunities to connect with their colleagues across campus so FDC would like to see both events take place.

V. Old business:

Windy Roberts has worked with Media Services to have the D. Langley's sessions recorded this semester. She reported to the group that they have been produced and are now posted on the FDC website.

VI. Upcoming business:

- Faculty Time Release proposals will be due November 22 and will be distributed to the faculty reviewers the following week.
- Our last meeting of the semester will be December 1 at 9am
- Langley will be back on campus Dec 6 with sessions from 11 to 1 and individual consultations
- Meeting with the Dean on the topic of bringing back the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, December 8th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Otten