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Faculty Development Committee

December 1, 2017, 9-10am

Student Activities Room

Present: Tracy Otten (Co-Chair), Peter Dolan (Co-Chair), Peter Bremer, Parker Smith, Adele Lawler

Absent: Windy Roberts, Stephanie Ferrian and Josiah Gregg

I. New Co-Chair Announced: Tracy introduced Peter Dolan as the new Co-Chair of the Faculty Development Committee. Specific duties will be announced at a later date.

II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 3, 2017 meeting were improved.

III. Update on Meeting with David Langley: Tracy and Peter B. met with David Langley on November 9 to discuss the committee's involvement with CEI. Each campus is tasked with coming up with three strategic teaching priorities that we want to focus on. UMM would get support from CEI to realize these goals. Work on these priorities can happen as early as this spring. Committee members brainstormed possible topics. These included: first year students, international students, supporting minorities and women in the STEM disciplines, curriculum in support of diversity, mental health, and technology in the classroom, first generation college students and classroom assessment. Tracy reported that the FDC meeting with David and CEI representatives is tentatively set for 2:00 p.m. on January 24. Langley will hold his first two sessions midday and then meet with as many of us as are available. The division chairs and the Dean may also want to discuss CEI strategic teaching priorities. David's spring teaching sessions at UMM will be held on January 24, February 27, March 28 and April 19. The topics will include Honors, Teaching that Sticks, Teaching with Examples, and Active Learning. If Athena can meet with David in a timely manner to do session planning they could be scheduled first for the Honors reaching session. The Moccasin Flower Room or Welcome Center will be reserved from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Tracy also reported that the Faculty Development Committee would have a more involved relationship with the CEI. David's current teaching offerings will not be affected.

IV. Faculty Time Release Proposals: Adele has sent out the applications to the faculty reviewers. There were 3 submissions this year. While the Dean has not given us a specific timeline we will try to complete our work within one week. Proposals will be reviewed online with rankings and comments handled via email. Tracy will compile results and recommendations will be forwarded to the Dean by December 8.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 24

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Bremer.