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Faculty Development Committee

February 22, 2018, 11am-12pm

Student Activities Room

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

Absent: Josiah Gregg

I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 1, 2018 were approved.

II. Ecostation Update: Tracy reported that we have not yet heard back from the Dean's Office regarding the proposal to utilize the Ecostation for a fall mid-semester session.

III. David Langley Update: Tracy reported that David has not gotten back to her in regard to the possibility of doing evening sessions this semester. He has proposed a couple of early afternoon options, however that would involve changing the existing schedule. Evening session options this spring are not looking promising, so we will plan to incorporate them this coming fall.

IV. Fall Professional Development Day Session Planning: The committee discussed possible topics for Fall Professional Development Day. Suggestions include Native Americans transitioning to college life (Sarah Buchanan), how faculty can integrate undergraduate research (FACPAAC), additional assessment offerings (Dean), retention and support of early career faculty, grant related programming, sustainability (waiting for feedback from Dean), and P&A session topics. It was noted that there is a push to involve whole classes in the research process. Peter Dolan indicated that he would contact the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) in regard to this practice. There may also be a possibility that a UMM teacher is doing this locally.

The committee reviewed the survey results, focusing on session suggestions. These included sustaining an undergraduate research program, teaching to diverse groups of students, giving effective and meaningful feedback to student work, active teaching, attracting and retaining faculty/staff of color, preparing students for the real world, free speech, diversity, self-care and mentorship, open education resources, faculty unionization, creating grading rubrics, incorporating service projects in the classroom, strategic vision results.

Following this, the committee then entertained other possible session topics. Peter Dolan suggested a session focused on brainstorming future problems. It was also mentioned that perhaps the Chancellor's vision task force would want to be involved in a session. Peter Bremer said that he would reach out to a representative and inquire. Technology was also brought up as a possibility, but it was thought that IMT is covering this sufficiently. Peter Bremer asked what the structure of Fall Professional Development Day was like. Tracy explained that although there are usually four sessions in the morning and four in the afternoon the overall structure is quite malleable. Tracy mentioned that Roger, Alisande, and possibly the Dean, would like to visit with the committee to discuss how to better support early career faculty. Finally, Windy brought up the topic of interdisciplinary courses and how to successfully create one. It was noted that David Langley has this as a current teaching option.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting is on Thursday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Bremer