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## Faculty Development Committee

3-12-19 11:40 a.m.

Welcome Center 210

Members present: Tracy Otten (chair), Peter Dolan (co-chair), Windy Roberts, Peter Bremer, Alisande Allaben, Adele Lawler, David Ayers-Moran

**In these minutes:** Minutes Approval, Updates, Fall Professional Development Day planning

- I. February 12, 2019 minutes were approved
- II. Updates
  - A. The report from the four student perspective sessions with David Langley is forthcoming. We will have to wait to see what Janet wants us to do with the data and if the results warrant a session for the FFDD.
  - B. David Langley will be coming back to campus April 11 to work with the Division of Education. Langley is handling scheduling and will let Tracy know if there are available times one-on-one work with faculty.
  - C. Following up on Emily Bruce's inquiry related to FDC organizing "brown bags" sessions for faculty on a variety of topics for Fall '19. The group discussed the idea of having David participate on a rotating basis when teaching related concerns were on the agenda. He could then also conduct observations or meet with faculty individually on either side of the "brown bag" sessions. The committee also discussed the possibility of having an organizational meeting to gather ideas for topics and gauge interest.
- III. Continuation of planning and brainstorming for FPDD, looking now at
  - A. Tenure Tracking Group Tracy checked with Becca Gerken and she is interested in having a session with the Tenure Track Cohort / Early Career Faculty as an initial session for new and returning early career faculty during FPDD.
  - B. Langley sessions? If we decide to ask David to come out for FPDD we should make sure it is worth his time and consider multiple sessions.
  - C. Campus Free Speech Jess Larson and the Dean have proposed sending campus members to the UMTC on April 9 and 10 to attend a workshop on campus free speech. They further proposed that any attendees could then possibly return to present at FPDD. Faculty will be contacted to see if anyone is interested / able to go. The committee agreed that it would be a good session to have at FFDD.
  - D. Civil Discourse On a related note, Mary Elizabeth Benzanson was mentioned as a possible presenter for issues related to civil discourse research. Tracy will contact Mary Elizabeth to see if she would consider organizing or being part of a panel during FFDD in August.

- E. Grants Once more it was mentioned the possibility on having a session presented by the Grants office and Peter Dolan was asking about specifics grants, internal or externally that non-faculty employees that teaches here and there course could apply for. Alisande Allaben will find out more and let us know next meeting if they exist.
- F. Branding Dean Erickson proposed a discussion panel involving Jenna Ray (and possibly the UMN national media relations consultant) about how to elevate our campus expertise nationally (as well as within the system and on campus). Peter Dolan added that this could be combined with a presentation about how to have our personal research webpages more accessible to the public as recruiting and retention tools. Peter will contact Jenna Ray to explore the possibility of a presentation regarding these issues.
- G. Student Mental Health David Ayers-Moran, mentioned that several people in the survey asked for session that could include teaching and supporting students related to:
  - 1. Autism / spectrum disorders
  - 2. Neural typical / neural divergent
  - 3. Mental health issues
  - 4. De-escalation
  - 5. Cultural issues

Matt Hofstra's name was mentioned as a potential presenter on several of the issues above. Windy Roberts will contact him to see if he would consider organizing and leading a panel regarding these issues. The Counseling Office was also mentioned as possible collaborators.

- H. Open Access Resources Peter Bremer will contact Kellie Meehlhause and others in the library to gauge interest.

- IV. Next time we will continue our planning and try to start plugging in sessions to the schedule template.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Windy Roberts