

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

II. Roll call:

Present: Mike Castellini, Diane Erickson, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Julie Joly,
Alexandra Oliveira

Excused: Melanie Arthur, Channon Price

Absent: Eric Madsen, Larry Roberts

III. Report from Diane

Diane reported that the Faculty Development website has been updated and includes current information regarding Director of the National Center for Science Education Dr. Eugenie Scott's upcoming visit. While Dr. Scott's visit will not include an evening presentation due to her travel schedule, she will present a lecture/discussion "The Evolution of Creationism" for students and faculty on Thursday, 1-27-11 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. in Schiabe Auditorium (Bunnell) and a Faculty Workshop on "Teaching Evolution" for science faculty on Thursday, 1-27-11 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Butrovich (this workshop will also be available for faculty at rural campuses). Science teachers from the FNSBSD have also been invited. Diane will forward an informational flier to committee members to forward or print and post to help spread the word. UAF Marketing will also email the fliers UAF-wide.

Anne Sakumoto (United Academics) is coordinating with Statewide HR to bring best-selling author and speaker Neil Howe to UAF and UAA. Howe will present a lecture on learning differences between generations on March 3, 2011 at UAF and March 4, 2011 at UAA. He has written several books and has some new ones coming out dealing with "Millenials."

Regarding our upcoming Faculty Forum discussions on Difficult Dialogs, Diane reported that Abel Bult-Ito is calling meetings this week to organize discussions on the same topic, but we have not been able to coordinate our efforts with his.

IV. Old Business

Faculty Forums (possibly up to 4) on Difficult Dialogs in the Classroom will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 2-15-11 (Rasmuson 340), Tuesday, 3-1-11 (IARC 417), and Tuesday, 3-22-11 (IARC 417), along with an additional follow-up forum on Friday, 4-15-11 (IARC 417) as interest warrants. If there are enough questions and concerns after the first forum, we will go ahead with the next scheduled forum and continue the discussion at each forum as necessary. Dr. Eugenie Scott's presentation should generate plenty of ideas and concerns for discussion. Diane will purchase several copies of UAA's

faculty book *Difficult Dialogs in Higher Education* to have on hand for interested faculty to borrow.

V. New Business

Dr. Eugenie Scott's presentations were discussed with Diane's report.

VI. Next Meeting: Josef will Doodle committee members so we can determine the best day and time for our Spring semester meetings.

Additional item: Josef will present the FDAI Committee's compiled information regarding electronic student evaluations at the Faculty Administrative Committee meeting next week to ensure that faculty concerns are heard before any decision is made. It was suggested that we include the fact that faculty are having a hard time getting evaluations from their off-campus, video/audio conference students since there is no one to administer the evaluations as in a face-to-face class. Mike C. wondered what Alex Hwu uses at CDE since faculty there face a similar situation.

VII. Adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.