

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2011

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

II. Roll call:

Present: Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Duff Johnston, Franz Meyer, Joy Morrison,  
Channon Price

Excused: Stephen Brown, Mike Castellini, Julie Joly, Alexandra Oliveira

Discussion: Diane Erickson is still listed as an official member, and since she is still interested in serving on the committee we will ask her to add our next meeting to her calendar. Kelly will talk to her and ask her to join us.

III. Report from Joy:

Joy had an interesting audio conference with United Academics, Statewide Labor Relations, and the Offices of Faculty Development in Anchorage and Juneau. While UAF employs 57 percent of the UNAC faculty and therefore should receive the bulk of faculty development funds, the union has decided to have each campus submit proposals for funding requests for faculty development. Joy did get approval to bring Bob Lucas to UAF in April to present workshops on grant writing. She has also submitted other requests, including funding for new faculty to attend a teaching conference during spring break, and \$25,000 for travel. Anchorage has requested funding to bring up a presenter to address the pitfalls of e-learning. UNAC has expressed an interest in bringing up a presenter to address bullying and incivility amongst the faculty, but Joy does not feel that this falls within the parameters of faculty development.

Joy informed us of a 6-part series on Alaska Native Issues and Pedagogy that has already started with only two people participating in the first session. The next session is on October 27. She requested that our committee be more proactive in promoting the presentations offered by the Office of Faculty Development.

Barbara Taylor from the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) office did a great presentation today on undergraduate research, but only four faculty attended. In order to discover how faculty would like to have faculty development monies spent, Duff Johnston has volunteered to speak with Cyndee West with UNAC about developing a survey that could be distributed by UNAC to their respective faculty. The survey would also need to be distributed to faculty represented by the University of Alaska Federation of Teachers in order to get feedback from them about faculty development. Items to include on the survey would be mentoring, travel to conferences that have a specific benefit to faculty, grant writing, proposal writing, publishing, and support for faculty or teaching assistants not educated in the American university system as to what to expect in

the American classroom. Duff has experience with this last issue and will discuss it with Cyndee West.

#### IV. Old Business:

1. Josef Glowa was elected to serve as committee chair.
2. Josef shared our committee's suggestion at the Administrative Committee meeting that the Provost encourage faculty to attend a minimum of eight faculty development presentations. Some faculty stated that eight was too many.
3. The distribution of the UAF Principle Investigator document should be sent out on the list-serve with a link to the document.
4. Assessment of Critical Thinking Skills – this was tabled for our next meeting.

#### V. New Business

1. Development of the survey will be on-going. Duff will contact Cyndee West with UNAC to determine their support of implementing a survey to their faculty.

VI. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Bunnell 222

December meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Bunnell 222

VII. Adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.