

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2011

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

II. Roll call:

Present: Melanie Arthur, Mike Castellini, Diane Erickson, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Channon Price, Larry Roberts

Excused: Julie Joly, Alexandra Oliveira

III. Report from Diane

There was a good response to and turnout for Eugenie Scott's visit. Around 25-30 faculty members attended. Diane is working on getting information out to faculty on upcoming events. Statewide is taking care of advertising Neil Howe's Millennials presentation. Faculty are already signing up! Larry reminded us that Neil Howe will also be part of the upcoming Lilly Arctic Institute.

Diane mentioned that she is getting requests for travel funding but that there is no longer any money available. UNAC used their extra funding to pay for Neil Howe's visit. CP noted that the number of requests (and value, if known) should be sent along to the Provost.

People are indicating an interest in calling in for Don Foley's upcoming talk on working with challenging students.

IV. Old Business

Josef informed us of the Faculty Senate's reaction to our motion regarding electronic student evaluations, namely that the Senate felt the wording was not strong enough. It was suggested that we change the word "input" to "approval". After some discussion our committee tentatively decided on splitting the motion into two main bullet points: a) electronic student evaluations will not be implemented (mandated) without Faculty Senate approval; and b) more research will be done at the administrative level. Josef will update the motion based on our discussion and email the new version to committee members for more input.

V. New Business

Lilly Arctic Institute: Larry informed us that the registration fee for the Lilly Arctic Institute (March 3-5) will be waived for FDAI committee members, and while we are free to come and go as it fits our schedules, please register for the sessions you will be attending so as to keep track of the number of faculty expected.

Sub-Committees: After some discussion, it was decided we would not form sub-committees for electronic student evaluations and the upcoming Faculty Forums. We decided on a plan of action for the first Faculty Forum (see below), and the issue of electronic student evaluations will require the energy of the whole FDAI committee.

Faculty Forums: The planned first Forum was cancelled due to too many things happening at once, so March 1 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm will be the new first Forum (IARC 417). Diane has emailed a link to a PDF file of the book *Start Talking: Difficult Dialogs in Higher Education* to committee members. The first Faculty Forum will focus on bridging academic freedom with difficult classroom experiences and discussion questions in chapter 1. Mike, Josef, and CP can attend the Forum and help guide the discussion.

Electronic Student Evaluations: Melanie urged us to resubmit our motion as soon as possible with the new, assertive language. We have been working on this for over a year and do not want the issue to be put aside.

VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 8:00 am, Bunnell 222.

VII. Adjourned at 9:02 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.