

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2014

I. Franz Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Roll call:

Present: Bill Barnes, Cindy Fabbri, Andrea Ferrante, Kelly Houlton, Eric Madsen, Trina Mamoon, Franz Meyer, Joy Morrison, Channon Price, Leslie Shallcross, Amy Vinlove

Excused: Mike Castellini

Absent: Mike Davis

III. Report from Joy

Joy commended the Committee on the Status of Women for their March 11 Roundtable on Mentoring which was nicely done and well attended. Several roundtables were set up with a different mentoring topic to discuss at each table. Attendees moved around to each table to discuss the different issues and best practices in mentoring.

Five faculty members attended the recent Lilly West conference in California, and our own Amy Vinlove presented at the conference. Joy reported that most attendees felt they learned a lot and found it inspiring.

Libby Roderick, Associate Director of Faculty Development at UAA gave a well-attended talk regarding her co-authored book, *Stop Talking: Indigenous Ways of Teaching and Learning* on March 25. Joy has the URL for Libby's lecture and her Power Point slides. Joy is really working with her faculty development counterparts in Anchorage to bring more faculty development opportunities to UAF. She is going to UAA's Faculty Development Awards Breakfast on April 11 to determine if something similar could be done at UAF. In addition, she is looking into bringing a UAA theatre group to UAF to present skits on bullying in the classroom – which is a real problem for Anchorage faculty. C. P. asked if anyone knew what kind of bullying may be occurring on the Fairbanks campus, or who should know? Joy said she would ask Libby Roderick for more information on what UAA has compiled on their campus. Kelly mentioned that if UAF faculty members are experiencing bullying from students then Don Foley would be the person to ask for more information if faculty have reported the issue to him.

Joy informed us that the Research Schmooze is all set up for April 15 with a meeting room and computers. She also let us know that Bob Lucas will be leading workshops on Scholarly Writing and an Intro to Proposal writing on April 25 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and all day Saturday, April 26 respectively.

There was a question regarding which faculty members are attending faculty development presentations. We wondered if Joy had a breakdown of the number of

faculty from each department. Joy said she may do a breakdown by College for her annual report to the Provost and would share this with the FDAI Committee.

IV. Updates on Electronic Course Evaluation Report

Eric presented the Report findings to Faculty Senate and there was some discussion online afterwards. The goal now is to have Faculty Senate approve a motion to endorse the move to electronic course evaluations. C.P. moved that this be done and it was seconded. Franz read the draft of the motion, and after some discussion, we decided to clarify the three parts of the motion and change the order to 1) the ECE work group recommends that UAF move to electronic course evaluations; 2) the ECE work group recommends eXplorance/Blue as the new vendor; and 3) a new work group should be formed to design, oversee and evaluate a pilot of the new system to determine methods for implementing it at UAF (summarized). Franz will revise the motion, email it to our committee and has asked that we respond electronically before noon tomorrow (Friday, March 28) so that he can take it to the Administrative Committee meeting later in the day. In addition, we voted that a second motion will be written recommending that Eric and Franz be included in the leadership of the new work group. Franz will email a draft of this to our committee in the near future.

V. Evaluation of Unit Peer Review Committee Criteria and Composition

Franz reported that the Unit Criteria Committee will take the lead on this issue, but they will inform him of their work so he may report updates to the FDAI Committee. While we felt the FDAI Committee should be involved, we also felt that as it was beyond our purview, we should not take the lead. Faculty Senate decided not to try to combine two committees to work on this issue. Joy suggested that of member of the Faculty Affairs Committee also be involved as well.

VI. Other Business

Amy shared some information with us from an interesting presentation she attended at the Lilly West Conference on some new software being developed at Cal Tech that allows students to become more involved with their professors' Power Point presentations via iPads. While the product is not ready for release yet, it does show much promise in encouraging students to add slides with questions or extra notes on them. Amy will forward the slides from the presentation to Franz who will in turn forward them on to our committee members.

We briefly touched on the budget challenge that UAF is facing. Franz told us that a committee has been formed to prioritize increment requests and evaluate/prioritize cuts to the budget. Latest developments regarding this topic will be provided during the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Next FDAI meeting: 4-24-14 from 4-5:00 pm
- b. Administrative Committee meeting: 3-28-14
- c. Faculty Senate meeting: 4-7-14

VIII. Adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.