

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2011

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

II. Roll call:

Present: Mike Castellini, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Duff Johnston, Julie Joly, Franz Meyer, Joy Morrison, Alexandra Oliveira, Channon Price
Absent: Stephen Brown (?)

III. Report from Joy:

After we welcomed our new members, Joy shared that she had a great New Faculty Orientation, with about 20 out of 36 new faculty participating. Joy did three syllabus workshops prior to classes starting and only a total of 10 faculty attended these. The other two workshops since then also had low attendance (Foley and Kenaston). Joy expressed frustration regarding low faculty attendance at development opportunities, so the committee discussed ideas and decided to address the issue this year. One suggestion was to have Provost Henrichs encourage faculty to attend a minimum of 8 faculty development sessions each year (except for tenured, full professors). Another idea was to develop a survey for UAF faculty to gauge their interest levels in upcoming session topics. Once our committee gets the survey ready, Joy will email it out to faculty.

Joy discovered some nice materials during her sabbatical and will give one presentation in November: one on Great Britain's Teaching Certificate program for university faculty.

IV. New Business:

1. Report on faculty development workshops:

Kelly was able to attend the first morning of the New Faculty Orientation, and while she enjoyed herself, she did not have any suggestions on how it might be improved.

2. UAF Principle Investigator:

It was decided that our committee would discuss the Research Advisory Committee's draft of Frequently Asked Questions via email and then Josef will draft a response to Peter Webley.

3. Assessment of Critical Thinking Skills:

It was decided that our committee would discuss the possible implementation of this via email as well.

4. Other:

Josef noted that Dana Thomas wants information on Smart Evaluations (electronic evaluations) made available to departments and/or have the FDAI committee look into it. Jayne Harvey had passed this on to Josef but there was some confusion as to exactly what Dana was asking for.

V. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Bunnell 222

VI. Adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.