Minutes for Faculty Development Council meeting
for March 18th at 2:30pm
Science West, Room 2200
Zoom ID: 961 6824 3503 Passcode: chimega

1. Announcements
Tim indicated that the Faculty Senate approved the updated language to our Operating Papers indicated on the agenda. Anne Hunter will update the webpage. Tim will put a tickler in his calendar to check and ensure it is done.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Minutes were approved as read.

3. Old Business – Items below were discussed.

RE: Previous OMA Designee – this item will be taken off the agenda moving forward.

RE:EUE - It was confirmed that there will be no EUE grants this year. Lynn Bartels will touch base again with the Provost to see if the funds that will be available for FY22.

RE: TEAC – Tim has checked with Tom Foster to determine if he is willing to continue as chair for next year. If not Tim will send an email to the Deans to put together a new committee and they will need to select a chair. Tom Foster will let Tim know in the near future. Discussion around when the creation of the committee would occur and it was unanimously agreed that it would be better to have the committee in place by summer.

RE: Continuous Improvement Conference – Lynn Bartels indicated that we will be using presenters/sessions provided by NCFDD. The two scheduled sessions will take place the first week after finals. The first presentation, Tenure & Time Management: How to Manage Your Time So You Can Publish Prolifically AND Have a Life Beyond the Ivory Tower on May 12th will be geared toward pre-tenure faculty and the second session, Post-Tenure Pathfinders: How and Why to Chart Your Own Path After Winning Tenure on May 13th will be geared toward mid career faculty (Associate/Assistant Professors) who have tenure but have not reached full professor status.

Other news:
Gireesh Gupchup is working some possible SIUE/SIUC joint efforts around faculty development. Tim asked who our counterpart for Faculty Development at Carbondale. Lynn will reach out to find out from Gireesh as she is talking to him next week.

Summary of Previous Faculty Senate re-organization discussion: Tim is representing FDC on this working group. This is partly in response to the need to better align with the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement), partly to divvy up the workload in a better way, and partly to re-assert some rationale to Councils that have grown organically over the years. Tim indicated the Teacher Wellness Committee will go away and there is a possibility the Curriculum Committee will be split because the work load is so large.

Concern was expressed over the decision by Textbook Services re: funding ceasing for software licensing like McGraw Hill to support online instruction without faculty input. Tim shared the Provost is aware of the concern and is working on it (but she didn’t indicate how it was being worked on). It was suggested
that perhaps this is a faculty work load issue that should be addressed by the faculty union group. Tim will consider that and decide on the best route to take to get it resolved.

Lynn Bartels shared that the Center for Faculty Development and Innovation will be hiring a faculty member to lead Midweek Mentor and the Teaching Peer Consultants. Incentives to serve in this role includes course buyouts. All FDC members agreed to review the applications and then 2 or 3 will serve on the actual interviews.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.