Faculty Development Council Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2013

Present: Lynn Bartels, Aminata Cairo, Ayse Evransel, Elza Ibrosocheva, Faith Liebl, Shadrack Msengi, Wayne Nelson, Cathy Santanello, Johanna Schmitz (for Calvin Jarrell), G Stacey Staples

Absent: Belinda Carstens-Wickham, Serdar Celik, Matt Schmitz

Announcements: Lynn Bartels announced that the REALITY teams have been assembled. Wayne Nelson distributed a draft list of the priorities for the FY2015 EUEs.

Consideration of Minutes: The September 19, 2013 minutes were approved as written (Santanello/Cairo).

Unfinished Business Teaching Excellence Awards: In the spring, the previous FDC Chair, Bryan Duckham, in consultation with the previous TEAC Chair, Donna Jewell, proposed considering non-tenure track faculty for the Teaching Excellence Award. The FDC discussed inquiring about increasing the amount of the Distinction Awards (from $500 to $1000) in addition to the eligibility of Teaching Excellence Award. The discussion was tabled to enable Council members to consult with their constituents.

Unfinished Business Continuous Improvement Conference: Ideas for a FDC-organized series of presentations were discussed. The sessions would need to focus on topics relevant to faculty and ideally be short, panel presentations. There are several REALITY topics of interest to faculty including international programming, experiential learning, development of online courses and programs, enhancing learning in face-to-face settings, and enhancing learning in online, hybrid, and blended formats. Teams have assembled for each of these topic areas. FDC could invite team members to give short presentations of best practices.

It was agreed that the conference name was not inviting and should be changed. Lynn Bartels’ recent faculty development survey suggested a Friday would be the best day for the presentations. To enhance the impact of the sessions, they would be videotaped and posted on the SIUE website.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.