Faculty Development Council Meeting Minutes: November 21, 2013

Present: Lynn Bartels, Aminata Cairo, Belinda Carstens-Wickham, Serdar Celik, Ayse Evransel, Faith Liebl, Suman Mishra (for Elza Ibroscheva), Shadrack Msengi, Wayne Nelson, Cathy Santanello, Johanna Schmitz (for Calvin Jarrell), Matt Schmitz, G Stacey Staples

Absent: none

Announcements: The FY2015 EUE call for proposals has been announced. The Teaching Excellence Award Committee (TEAC) will determine if it wants to change the eligibility for the Award and/or the dollar amount associated with each Award. TEAC will meet early in the spring semester and make a recommendation to FDC.

Consideration of Minutes: The October 17, 2013 minutes were approved as written (Santanello/Cairo).

Unfinished Business—Continuous Improvement Conference: There was discussion regarding organization of a series of short presentations on effective teaching practices. “Teaching Talks: Shifting Pedagogy Toward the New Reality” will take place on February 21, 2014 in the Dunham Hall Theater. The presentations will focus on experiential learning, international programming, e-learning, and enhancing learning in face-to-face and online and blended formats. There was also discussion of including a session on millennial students possibly with student presenters. The Associate Provost will be invited to conclude the workshop with some concluding remarks. The FDC Chair will begin contacting REALITY team Chairs to identify presenters. There was also discussion of advertising and inviting faculty from local universities and community colleges.

New Business—FDC’s role in Faculty Development: Currently, the FDC organizes a yearly faculty development workshop and reviews EUE proposals. Although the FDC is interested in expanding its role in faculty development, it also does not want to replicate the work other of other entities on campus. According to recent surveys administered by both FDC and the Office of Innovation and Effectiveness, the majority of faculty view faculty development as teaching- and research-related. Rather than overlap with the offerings of the Graduate School and Office of Innovation and Effectiveness, FDC could assist the Emeriti Association with the review of faculty development proposals. The FDC could also identify needs that emerge from the REALITY teams to develop initiatives. Finally, the FDC needs to continue to promote the Faculty Development Workshops offered by the Office of Innovation and Effectiveness.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.