Faculty Development Council Meeting Minutes: February 19th, 2015

Present: Shadrack Msengi, Elza Ibrosecheva, Jennifer Logue, Wayne Nelson, Ann Powell, Jack Glassman, Lynn Bartel, Laura Smallman for Jamie Conklin
Absent: Serdar Celik, Belinda Carstens-Wickham, Matt Schmitz

Announcements: Elza shared updates from the TEAC. The committee was finishing up our classroom observations and dossier evaluations. There are 5 candidates for the Teaching Excellence Award and 2 candidates for the Teaching Distinction Award. Early next week, the committee will finalize the summary letters and Bryan Smith will hand deliver all materials to the Provost’s office before the end of the day on Feb 27th.

Consideration of Minutes: The January 15th Meeting Minutes were approved after small grammar corrections.

Unfinished Business: The FDC continued its discussion of drafting a statement concerning the importance of travel to the teacher/scholar model at SIUE. Elza distributed copies of travel policies at other universities (Auburn, Wash U, Vanderbilt), which mostly deal with specific procedures on how to go about following the proper travel funding channels. The council began discussion on how to focus the statement on travel and outlined the following points: Travel (regional, national or international) is critical for the purpose of research and creative activities because it allows for the dissemination of scholarship, establishing collaboration in future research projects, advancing the professional development of the faculty member, or developing and maintaining a network of support and reputation in each faculty member’s respective academic discipline. Faculty are committed to present evidence and documentation of how proposed travel plans will enhance one’s teaching, scholarship and professional development and will follow due process in satisfying the university’s regulations and procedures set forth for funding travel requests. All official travel should be prudently planned so that the best interests of SIUE are served at the most reasonable cost. Anyone traveling on university business is expected to exercise the same economy that a practical person would exercise when traveling on personal business. We agreed to continue working on the language when the draft is circulated for everyone to review.

New Business:

1. Continuous Improvement Conference: The council continued planning the conference. The schedule is set and the panels are organized in three concurrent sessions following the keynote address. Members of the council volunteered to serve as moderators as presenters. As the scheduled got finalized, Elza will move forward to design the poster and distribute it to promote the event. The goal is to get as many people to attend as possible and Lynn Bartell will also help in spreading the word through the communication channels of the Office of Academic Innovation and Effectiveness. The final schedule is attached below:

   **Session 1: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m | Maple-Dogwood Room**
   
   **Facing new challenges: Changing formats, methods and expectations in the online environment**
   
   Moderator: Emily Keener, Instructional Design & Learning Technologies Center
   
   Discussion on teaching in the winter session and sharing marketing research data from Blackboard and its impact on SIUE’s online student population
   
   Jeffrey Sabby, Physics
   Mohammad Yousef, Physics
   Tyann Cherry, Educational Outreach

   **Session 2: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m | Redbud Room**

   **The importance of technological comfort: Interdisciplinary reflections and experiences**
   
   Moderator: Matthew Schmitz, Instructional Design & Learning Technologies Center
Presenting and sharing unique experiences and innovations from teaching online with the new pilot OER program
  David Cluphf, Kinesiology and Health Education
  Debbie Mann, Foreign Languages and Literature
  Sorin Nastasia, Applied Communication Studies
  Edward Navarre, Chemistry
  Jason Stacy, Historical Studies

Session 3: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m | Hickory Room
Innovation vs tradition: Strategies for optimizing online learning experiences and outcomes
Sharing experiences and reflections on the challenges of online delivery and quality instructions both for the faculty involved and the students
Moderator: Jennifer Logue, Educational Leadership
  George Watson, Management and Marketing
  Dave Knowlton, Educational Leadership
  Anne Powell, Computer Management and Information Systems
  Heidy Carruthers, Foreign Languages and Literature
  Olga Bezhanova, Foreign Languages and Literature

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.