Faculty Development Committee

October 27, 2015

3:30pm, LIB 216

Minutes

In attendance: Anne Connor, Michael Rousell, George Quainoo, Jackie Apodaca, Megan Farnsworth, Laura Young, Jody Waters (ex oficio)

1.  Jody led the welcome and introductions

2.  Anne was elected Chair. Jackie nominated. George and Mike seconded. George will continue to help Anne by calculating/coordinating spreadsheets for reviews. (Thank you, George!)

3.  We forgot to approve minutes from last meeting (4/14/15). Include in agenda for November 3rd.

4.  Jody presented the new student success initiative, the Curriculum Design Academy.

FDC’s role would be to create criteria for evaluation of proposals and evaluate proposals.

Concerns were raised about faculty buy-in and about complicated chart detailing the breakdown of cost. In general, we agreed that the chart could be used as an example, but that letting faculty have autonomy in designing their grant would be wise, and make the grant more appealing to the departments. The idea should be to improve the course for the greater good of the department and university outcomes, not to improve one professor’s teaching or course.

Winter deadline was suggested.

5. We briefly discussed the Instructional Institute Days and their lack of attendance. Anne suggested holding them at the beginning of our Fall meeting days, instead of the last three days right before classes. George mentioned that in order to improve enrollment, faculty morale would have to be higher. Jody would like more ideas/feedback from the FDC about this topic.

5. We determined that Tuesday at 4pm work best for our meetings this term, and set our next meeting for November 3, 4:00pm.

6. We briefly told Laura about our categories for Review of Carp II grants. Anne will request spreadsheet from Penny. Carp II reviews are due to Anne on or before Sunday, November 1, (aka *Día de los Muertos* and, fortuitously, Daylight Savings time, so we have an extra hour to complete the task.)

7. Mike offered to take minutes in future meetings. (Thank you, Mike!)

Meeting adjourned, 5:05pm.