

## **Faculty Development Committee Minutes: 10-19-99**

Present: Susan Lindley, Bruce Hanson, Elizabeth Hutchins

### Release Grants:

No indication at this time about the number of possible applications. Some discussion on why there might be few applicants. Do release grants satisfy an actual or only a perceived need? What is the best method of advertising: e-mail, web, flyers? None of these seem to do it. Other ideas are welcome.

### Fall Melby Lecture:

Bruce reported that David Carter says all is going well with Alice Hanson's lecture. Posters are being put up and brochures are at the print shop.

### Spring Melby Lecture:

Linda Gregerson has informed Bruce that Mac Gimse accepted the invitation to deliver the spring Melby Lecture. He proposes April 4 at 7:00 p.m. to coincide with the Art Major senior studies week. Elizabeth offered to contact Mac to check on the date and desired location. She will contact Wendell Arneson to see if he would handle the write-up for the brochure and introduce Mac.

### Future meetings:

It was agreed that we would invite Carol Holly to join us for an FDC meeting to talk about the Boldt program and ways in which it might spark future FDC ideas.

### PDA discussion:

Continued discussion of options stemming from the previous meeting with the Dean. Strong sentiment in favor of flexing the current department \$200 travel allocation. Rather than reserving it solely for travel and being available (at dept. chair's discretion) to other members of a department if it is not used, expenditure of this amount would be up to individual faculty members' discretion.

FDC members were urged to talk to colleagues at other colleges re their PDA programs: how do they work and what is the system of accountability? Elizabeth will contact Gustavus and Bruce will connect with Carleton.

It was agreed that initially getting such a program started was more important than procuring a large amount of money.

Sabbaticals:

Some discussion re pros/cons of having faculty required to apply to outside sources for support in order to qualify for a sabbatical. It was noted that Middlebury has such a program. It was also noted that last year there was not an FDC consensus on this topic. Possible advantages of such a requirement: it may help to focus a sabbatical request and it would bring money to the college.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hutchins