

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of November 13, 2002

Present: Jo Beld, Elizabeth Hutchins, Heather Klopchin, Arnie Ostebee, Karen Sawyer Marsalek, Kathy Shea

Phone Call with Jeannie Narum

Most of our meeting was taken up by the phone call. We had trouble getting the speaker phone to work in BC 212 and so we used a phone in Pat Anfinson's office downstairs.

Jeannie Narum directs faculty development opportunities through Project Kalaidoscope, based in Washington, D.C., and she currently works to enhance faculty development at 32 colleges. She was a former director of GFR at St. Olaf in the 1970's and at Dickinson College in the 1980's. We asked for her insights as to the role of the Faculty Development Committee at liberal arts colleges such as St. Olaf.

Her main message to us was that the Faculty Development Committee should provide leadership by working with all offices on campus connected with faculty development. We should be as open as possible and learn as much as possible about faculty professional interests. At Dickinson a condition of her acceptance of the job was that she be a formal member of the Faculty Development Committee and that she have regular meetings with the Dean. She said we should be concerned with what it takes to sustain faculty, pre- and post-tenure, and that we should work with GFR, CILA, the Boldt Chair, the Hardy Chair, International Studies, etc., for ways to enable faculty to fulfill their professional dreams.

We should encourage use of internal funds to stimulate professional development for external funds. We should encourage thinking about sabbatical funding two years before a sabbatical.

Mellby Lecture

Arrangements were completed for Charles Taliaferro's Mellby Lecture the next day, Nov. 14. Elizabeth agreed to open the room at 6:30, Heather agreed to provide a permission form to allow the lecture to be taped for the Archives. Karen volunteered to give the welcome from the committee. The brochures had been distributed to the faculty and extra brochures were taken by committee members to be made available in their respective buildings.

Grant Proposal Review

Recommendations were made for Released Time Grants for 2003-04. Arrangements were made for letters from the FDC and the Deans Office to go out together on November 22 to all who submitted proposals.

Respectively Submitted,
Kathy Shea, FDC Chair