

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of November 27, 2001

Present: Beld, Cole, Hutchins, Klopchin, Ostebee, Peters

Observer: Jeanine Grenberg

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from 11/20 meeting approved.

Announcements:

An email is being prepared to go out to the FDC in order to divvy up jobs associated with the Mellby lectures.

Teaching and Curriculum Development Grants Revision

The guidelines for Teaching and Curriculum Development Grants were approved and are ready to be posted.

Summer Grants for Scholarly and Artistic Activity Revision

- The FDC continued discussing and revising the guidelines for Summer Grants for Scholarly and Artistic Activity. Discussion ensued about the inclusion of scholarship of teaching and learning as a specific example of what projects may involve. The FDC voted 4-2 in favor of keeping this language in the guidelines. The language will be revisited if it becomes an issue.
- Further clarification and revision of the Summer Grant guidelines took place.
- Discussion also followed about the issue of removing stipends from summer grants and using this money to fund another course-released grant. Major discussion points included why stipends were being removed from SAA grants and not TCDs, do stipends serve an enabling function, and if we keep stipends for SAAs, what can we do to make the criteria for requesting stipends clearer. The discussion was furthered by a summary of faculty sentiment regarding the possibility of eliminating current SAA stipends, which was distributed to the FDC in advance. This summary was based upon faculty commentary from September's forums, email responses to the FDC's several invitations for input, and personal conversations with individuals. The committee decided to continue the discussion and make a decision at the FDC meeting on Dec. 4th.

Respectfully submitted,
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