

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of December 11, 2001

Present: Jo Beld, Eric Cole, Elizabeth Hutchins, Heather Klopchin, Arnie Ostebee

Absent: Dolores Peters

Announcements:

- Note: An FDC meeting was actually not scheduled but five people arrived so we went forward with it given the need to review the 12/7/01 draft of SAA grant guidelines.
- Approval of December 4 minutes was postponed until Dolores could be present.

SAA grant guideline discussion:

- Under Amounts to be awarded, 2nd sentence was moved to become the last sentence. Second to last sentence will read, “Applications for stipends alone need address only criteria A-D.”
- Jo will forward final revisions to Dolores, so that guidelines may be posted ASAP.
- Brief discussion about pros/cons of accompanying this posting with a covering paragraph re retention of stipends for exceptional merit. Consensus was that having 12/4/01 minutes public would offer sufficient coverage of rationale. This will help future FDC members more than an email.

Leraas Funds:

- All in favor of supporting request. Submitted for consideration.
- Discussion re appropriateness of having FDC approve such requests. Is the FDC the place to administer these funds? They don't directly concern the FDC's role in supporting faculty development. Leraas Funds' primary focus concerns interdisciplinary studies. Perhaps the IGS chairs, the advisory board to CIS, and/or CILA would be more appropriate entities for administration of these funds. Recommendation: This topic to be discussed in February.

Released-Time Grants:

- Arnie noted that time-released grants need to be announced as soon as possible – no later than Monday, December 17. Note: FDC has been waiting to hear from Dean's office re November 6 memo and Dean's office has been waiting to hear from FDC re transfer of \$10,000. All indications are that Dean's Office will try hard to match this with additional funds needed to support a tenure-track release-time grant.
- There was a general consensus for increasing released-time grants, which it was noted had support of all faculty attending the forums, but there was concern over reducing the number of summer grants.

Next meeting if possible: Wednesday, December 12, 9:00-10:00 or 4:00-5:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Hutchins