

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of February 18, 2002

Present: Eric Cole, Elizabeth Hutchins, Heather Klopchin, Arnie Ostebee, Dolores Peters

Absent: Jo Beld

Announcements:

- At their request, Dolores has spoken personally with all but of those who applied for released-time awards. A question raised by several faculty: “Does FDC have a ‘quota’ system for determining who gets awards?” It was noted that the sciences were represented both years in recipients of released-time awards among tenure-track faculty. We note that though we do not have such a quota system, we do consider issues of balance when awarding released-time grants (women and men recipients/tenure and tenure track/different Faculties). Also noted was the fact that no applications were received from the Social & Applied Sciences Faculty for this year’s (or last year’s) released time grants.
- Reminder: March 1 is deadline for receipt of Summer Grant proposals (SAAs and TDCs). The following three weeks will be reserved for evaluation of these (3/4, 3/11, 3/18).
- Reminder of this Thursday’s Mellby Lecture (Nancy Paddleford). The event will be videotaped. Posters will be distributed today for posting.

Short discussions:

- Minutes from 2/11 were reviewed and approved.
- Arnie reminded us that we may not know our budget until 3/18 (or later). It will surely be reduced from the last year.
- Deadlines were mentioned for Leraas proposals and Mellby nominations for next year.
- We noted that the guidelines for Summer Grants (SAAs) do not mention the total award “cap” although expenses are capped at \$3000 and stipends at \$2000.
- RPC revisions for the faculty manual are due soon (target date was Feb. 13).

Discussion of Dean Pence’s comments to FDC:

- We discussed Jim Pence’s talking points and comments from the meeting of 7 February, with particular attention to focusing the role and responsibilities of the Committee within the larger context of faculty development at the College.
- It was noted that having term appointees as members of the FDC helps to insure a College-wide perspective on faculty development needs. The virtue of 3-year appointments to FDC in the future was again noted in considering consistency in the review process.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Cole