

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of February 25, 2002

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 2/18 meeting were approved as amended. Eric Cole will send a new draft via email.

Announcements:

- An update on the first Mellby lecture was given. It went well, though we lost a lot of the audience between the lecture and the reception. It was suggested that perhaps the Mellby Lecture could take place during the newly created community time.
- Dolores will be meeting with John Day on Feb. 28th to discuss the language in the donor document of the Leraas endowment. This is to continue the discussion of who is responsible for administering the Leraas programs.
- Discussion of the FDC's various responsibilities continued. It was stated that perhaps the Mellby lectures were more a faculty honor than a vehicle for faculty development and that CILA would be a better place for this program. It was mentioned that FDC had actually created the Mellby Lecture Series, and that one could argue that the Mellby lectures represent scholarly achievement by members of the faculty and also provide "faculty development" for the whole community.

Continuing Discussion of Jim Pence's Comments About Faculty Development at St. Olaf and the Role of the FDC.

- Changing FDC terms to 3-year terms on a staggered basis (2-2-1). Clarification was given regarding when and how FDC members were elected (Election in May by the individual faculties.) The FDC will forward a recommendation to the Nominating Committee to clarify the schedule of rotation for faculty positions if any changes are made.
- It was determined that there will be a showcase of work funded by FDC Grant Programs in mid- to late-September 2002. The FDC will invite people funded in all grant categories within the last three years. This event would allow time for "germination, maturation, and publication" of various projects funded and encourage additional FDC applications.
- Discussion moved to point G of Jim Pence's talking points regarding the lack of clarity on the administration of faculty development funds for term faculty. It was agreed upon that the FDC wants to maintain eligibility for term appointments for SAA and TCD grants. The FDC also wants to maintain the possibility of having term representation on the FDC committee. It was clarified that term appointments requesting FDC funds for SAA or TDC grants must have at least .50 FTE during the academic year following the announcement of the award. This language as it currently stands on the SAA and TDC guidelines simply lists the academic year following announcement (2002-03) so that the FDC would have to change the language every year. It was decided that the SAA and

TDC grant guidelines would be amended to read “.50 TFE during the academic year following the announcement of the grant award” so that the FDC wouldn’t have to revise text every year.

- Discussion moved to point A of Jim Pence’s talking points: the Dean’s responsibility to FDC. Discussion moved to the overlapping responsibilities of FDC and CILA and the relationship between them. The discussion broadened to consider the appropriate relationship between the FDC and the GFR. Jo Beld will draft faculty manual language for the Committee to consider.

Respectfully Submitted,
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