

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of March 4, 2003

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

Absent: Elizabeth Hutchins

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved from the February 18 and 25 meetings.

Mellby Lecture

Posters and flyers for DeAne Lagerquist's lecture on March 13 were available; committee members took them to distribute to buildings and mailboxes. Karen agreed to introduce the lecture series again.

FDC Green Sheet

The committee discussed reactions to potential faculty resistance to the Green Sheet, particularly concerns about the inclusion of tenure-track and term faculty in sensitive grant-awarding decisions. The committee noted that membership itself is a form of faculty development, and the viewpoints of faculty with all kinds of appointments are important. The committee also noted the difference between awarding grants and awarding tenure/promotion, in that FDC awards (or lack thereof) is unlikely to make or break someone's career. Though the committee understands the rationale for limiting committee membership to tenured members, it respectfully disagrees. However, review of committee makeup is part of the GRECO charge to RPC, so we may need to re-visit the issue in the future.

Grant Proposals

Accompanying materials for a few proposals are still coming in and will be forwarded to committee members ASAP. The committee discussed the proposals for Teaching and Curriculum Development grants. Any concrete decisions will be reserved until the committee has reviewed the Summer Artistic and Scholarship grant applications, since all the awards are coming from the same pool of money.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place March 11 at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sawyer Marsalek