

Faculty Development Committee Meeting Minutes April 15, 2004

Present: Kathy Shea, Arnie Ostebee, Martin Hodel, Karen Marsalek, David Schodt, Kris MacPherson, Bill Thornton.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with some minor corrections.

Eligibility for FDC Released-Time Grants

Presently Artists-in-Residence and other Special Appointments do not qualify for FDC Released-Time Grants, due to the nature of their appointment. Marty Hodel presented the results of his inquiries within the Fine Arts faculty on this subject. Of his 15 responses, seventy-five percent argued very strongly in favor of the extending the guidelines to include this group of faculty members. Some reasons given for this position were:

1. Some of these special appointments would have been tenure line appointments, if the college had been able to support them as tenure line appointments
2. Grants awarded to such faculty members would ultimately support work that benefits the community and students.
3. When RPC formulated the category of special appointments, the committee intended these appointments to be on par with tenure-track appointments.

After further discussion about the ways special appointments compare to term appointments or tenure line appointments, the committee decided it would like to make a recommendation to the Dean, urging that the guidelines for the grants include special appointment faculty. In order to support this recommendation Marty will seek out the RPC minutes for 01-02, which we hope will clarify the intent of RPC as to the status of these appointments.

FDC Plans for Next Year

The Committee wishes to explore the following projects next year;

1. Ways to increase funding for sabbaticals
2. Student/faculty research opportunities through the NCUR program. Paddy will look into the grant application process for this program.
3. An event addressing avenues for publication of professional work, with attention to the SPARC and PLoS initiatives. Kris will hear a speaker on this subject this spring, and will let us know how desirable this person might be as a centerpiece for the event, and what fees he might charge. Carleton could co-host the event, and we might tie it in with the merging of the two schools' library catalogues. The best time for the program might be October, right after Fall Break. The nature of the program(a talk? Experiential activities, etc) is still to be determined.
4. Co-sponsorship of CILA spring conference on scholarship of teaching.
5. Continuing co-sponsorship of the Provost's series on sabbaticals.

Upcoming meetings

We hope that new members might be able to attend the last meeting of the semester, scheduled for May 6. Kathy and Karen will speak to the Natural Science and Humanities deans to see if the elections could take place soon enough for new members to join us.

Summer Awards

Kathy will announce the winners of the summer FDC awards by email.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sawyer Marsalek

