

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting of May 6, 2003

Present: Heather Klopchin, Elizabeth Hutchins , Karen Marsalek, Kathy Shea, Arnie Ostebee

Absent: Jo Beld

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 29 meeting were approved.

Visit from IDOCS member Kathryn Ananda-Owens

Kathryn came to the committee with questions about ways FDC might help support the cross-cultural learning element of the strategic plan. IDOCS wanted to know whether we consider cross-cultural learning issues when evaluating applications for released-time and summer grants. FDC noted that applications do sometimes reflect such issues, but that cross-cultural learning isn't an explicit part of our criteria for such grants. IDOCS was also interested in knowing what percentage of the applications connect to cross-cultural learning. After further conversation, Kathryn agreed that the numbers are only part of the picture--the sophistication of an initiative is more important, and IDOCS would need permission to look at the proposals themselves in order to gauge that factor. Kathryn also asked to what extent FDC would be interested in specifically promoting cross-cultural learning, if more money became available. Committee members indicated that FDC would be interested in further conversations about such a role.

Mellby Lectures

The archives were unable to provide a list of past Mellby lecturers. It was confirmed that the honor would be offered this year to David Wee and Amy Kolan. Kathy Shea will notify them and make a public announcement before grades are due.

Arnie indicated that he might be able to have a student work in the archives this summer to compile a list of past lecturers. Back issues of The Messenger, Inside St. Olaf and its predecessor, Campus Memo, would be good starting points for research.

Dates for Next Year's Grant Applications

It was decided that Released-Time Grant applications would be due on Friday, October 31, 2003 and Summer Grant applications would be due on February 27, 2004 (the last Friday in February).

Concluding Business

The terms of service for Elizabeth Hutchins, Heather Klopchin, and Jo Beld concluding, these three women were thanked for their hard work on the committee. Kathy Shea was also commended for her work as chair this year.

Next Meeting

Since we don't know the results of all the faculty elections yet, it was decided that the committee would not meet again before the end of the year with new members, and the heads of CILA and GFR. The committee might try to have an informal welcome meeting for new members at the Contented Cow sometime in the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sawyer Marsalek