

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2012

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

II. Roll call:

Present: Stephen Brown, Mike Castellini, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Duff Johnston, Julie Joly, Franz Meyer, Alexandra Oliveira, Channon Price  
Excused: Diane Erickson, Joy Morrison

III. Report from Joy

Via email, Joy shared some responses from Deans regarding Amanda Rosenberger's suggestion of providing more tailor-made faculty development presentations to specific colleges each month. We discussed the need for getting ideas in a timely manner from faculty members in each school as to what they would like to see so that planning, set-up, and advertising can take place. It could be brought up at departmental meetings. Mike will work on bringing it up to the Deans at their next meeting. Overall we are enthusiastic about trying this approach since it addresses several issues: irrelevancy, proximity, and scheduling (to an extent). Joy's list of faculty development topics was referred to as a "buffet" list to which could be added specific faculty ideas, and perhaps some of our question areas from the proposed survey (e.g. what conferences have faculty members attended and would they be interested in participating in a panel discussion to share what they learned and/or experienced, sessions for faculty members that did not go through the American education system, sessions for faculty who work primarily with international students, etc). It should also encourage faculty members to present sessions of their own. We discussed the need for more than a one-year trial, and the possibility of offering two different sessions at the same time if need be. We wondered what Joy will need in order to make this switch. We all agreed that the Office of Faculty Development, with its common central focus across campus, will be crucial for implementing such a flexible approach of a more grassroots faculty development plan.

IV. Old Business

1. Faculty survey

a. Discussion of five survey areas

We decided that a survey may not be the best way to achieve our goal, but rather to include some of our question areas into Joy's buffet list. C.P. suggested that "buffet" could be used as an acronym: Better Understanding Faculty-Focused Effective Training.

V. New Business

a. Electronic faculty activity report systems

Faculty Senate has scheduled demonstrations of two competing systems. Committee members are invited to participate:

Wednesday, March 21, 3:30 – 5:00 pm in Butrovich BOR. Presenter: Digital Measures – “Activity Insight”

Wednesday, March 29, 3:30 – 5:00 pm in IARC 401. Presenter: Data180 – “Faculty 180”

b. Reminder: Professor Lynne Lott will talk about how she uses social media in teaching today from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in Rasm 340.

VI. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24 from 8:15 – 9:15 am in Bunn 222.

VII. Adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.