



Minutes  
TALC Leadership Team Meeting  
March 13, 2008

Members present: Debbie Puett, DeWalt Koone, Dr. Patricia Freeman, Jay Coomes, Susan Hendrick, Jo James, Karen Jones, Maggie Killoran, Jamie Spratt, and Curtis Vance. Angela Marlowe acted as secretary.

**Technology Update:**

Curtis Vance reported: (1) Carson Thomas is preparing for registration/advising; (2) Jeff McEntire is working on the bandwidth upgrade. The next step is to do a site survey with BellSouth which will hopefully happen soon (projecting April for the upgrade); (3) the work done on the distance learning rooms in the new Life Long Learning Center was a success; and (4) Google Applications (offered in standard addition, enterprise addition and educational addition) is being considered as an alternative to our current student email and will be presented March 20 (Thursday) in the Life Long Learning Center at 2:30pm.

**TALC Website Update:**

Debbie announced that the sub-taskforce members (Mike Gavin, Marnie Beaver, Tiffany Cooper, Scott Hutchins, Debra Jones, Cathy Alexander and Debbie Puett) are progressing on the TALC Website project. Debra Jones has done some preliminary work and they are still gathering text and content. Debbie asked the TALC Leadership Team if they had additional comments/ input/ideas regarding the TALC website that had not already been submitted to send an email to Mike.

**League for Innovation for Community Colleges Update:**

Debbie reported that Dr. Freeman, Dr. Ackerman, Tiffany Cooper, Lee Roach, Bret Watson, and she attended the League for Innovations Conference in Denver, Colorado. She and Dr. Freeman gave an overview of the sessions they attended. One of the technologies observed in one session was an I-clicker, a small hand held device, which was used to actively engage everyone in the activity. Debbie mentioned that this technology could be used in many different ways such as professional development activities, in a classroom setting, etc. She asked the TALC Leadership Team if there were interest in purchasing a set of I-clickers for TALC to let her know.

**The Multi-Generational Classroom:**

Jo James led a discussion regarding the issues of multi-generational classrooms. There are several faculty members who are concerned about being effective teachers specifically geared toward REaCH students in the college classroom.

She reported that the Learning Strategies Taskforce met on February 25 (Monday). Their discussion was mainly geared toward what to do in a multi-generation classroom addressing not only the teaching styles and the learning styles but a variety of issues that need to be addressed such as use of technology in the classroom.

After a lengthy discussion, there were no quick solutions to these issues but there is a need for faculty members to have the necessary tools to be able to reach a younger population; communication lines need to be enhanced between college faculty and REaCH faculty, faculty need to be aware before hand that they have REaCH students in their classroom; and increase professional development activities to help students.

**Professional Development Update:**

Jay Coomes distributed the evaluation results from Dr. Iwana Guess Ridgill's afternoon sessions "Avoiding the Lucy Syndrome: Excellence in Customer Service" and "Take This Job and Love It!". The initial observation was that the majority of the scores were fairly high on both sessions. However, there are many variation of comments from very positive to very negative. Some of the negative comments were technical in nature in that the lobby does pose some problems sometimes for sound due to the location of tables some people were not able to hear as well.

Also distributed were the workshop evaluation results. The wide variety of topics was very favorable.

**Fall Convocation:**

Cathy Alexander and Jay Coomes met with Jo James recently to discuss the proposal that was made to explore the avenues or issues of global awareness/global education. Learning Strategies Taskforce would like to bring Neil Bolick from Worldview on campus. Neil has several presentations; however, one of the topics PD-Faculty taskforce discussed was "Roots of 9-11" (video). The taskforce still have reservations and expressed concerns about how some people may react to the content.

The proposal made was to invite Neil Bolick on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of fall convocation for an afternoon session which would include all faculty and staff. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, in the morning, he would facilitate two sessions specifically for faculty on how to incorporate global awareness within the classes and also look at some of the resources that may be available to faculty.

**Fall Convocation (continued):**

It was suggested that Neil come to the next TALC Leadership Team meeting and do a synopsis on “Roots of 9-11” and two other topics.

After a lengthy discussion, the TALC Leadership Team recommended that Neil do an afternoon session and the next morning session for fall convocation; however, the general consensus was that the topic “Roots of 9–11” not be presented at this time.

**ESP:**

Susan Hendrick reported that the taskforce met on March 10 and discussed the following projects:

- **Portable Directional Signs** – Susan plans to check with Trish to see if there are companies listed on e-procurement for purchasing portable signs to help guide visitors to the different events on campus.
- **Postage Costs** – Although the “Optimizing Your Mailing Skills” workshop held on professional development day (February) went well, they still have questions if there are additional directions needed to be given on how to save money on bulk mailing. They are exploring the possibility of offering mailing procedures workshop once a year as needed.
- **Faculty IDs** – Stephen Matheny is exploring having picture IDs produced for faculty.

**Professional Development – Faculty:**

Jay Coomes reported that the taskforce met March 6 (Thursday). Discussions were mainly on the multi-generation classroom. Several members from the taskforce who have attended ERCBEC (Eastern Regional Competency-Based Education Consortium) have recommended bringing a speaker from Spartanburg Tech on campus for fall convocation to introduce the concept and look at some of the multi-generational issues.

This year, the North Carolina Community College System Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center on October 12 – 14, 2008.

Jay announced that Cathy Alexander has requested to step down as co-chair of PD-Faculty Taskforce. In their last meeting, Amber Thompson volunteered to assume the role of co-chair effective immediately.

**Professional Development – Staff:**

There was no report from Professional Development – Staff taskforce.

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**Academic Advising:**

There was no report from Academic Advising taskforce.

**Assessment:**

Karen Jones reported that Jeremiah Council will be attending Alverno in June (Milwaukee, WI). They are exploring the possibility of sending two or three people to NISOD in May (Austin, TX).

College-wide meeting scheduled March 17 (Monday) is cancelled due to the CCSSE results are not available at this time. The next college-wide meeting is scheduled April 14 and will be focusing on academic dishonesty.

**Business and Industry:**

There was no report from Business and Industry taskforce.

**Campus Life:**

There was no report from Campus Life taskforce.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Thursday, April 24 at 2:30pm in the Blue Room