



Minutes
TALC Leadership Team Meeting
June 7, 2006

Members present: Debbie Puett, DeWalt Koone, Dr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Myra Johnson, Cathy Alexander, Sandra Boyd, Kim Gold, Thad Harrill, Donna Harrison, Mike Saunders, and Susan Vaughan. Curtis Vance was also present.

Forsyth Tech Community College Visit:

Debbie Puett has been communicating with Arnold Hence, Executive Vice President, from Forsyth Tech Community College. He and several of his colleagues are very interested in learning about our journey as they explore the learning college initiative for their institution. They will be visiting our campus on Thursday, June 15.

A questionnaire (sent by Mr. Hence) was distributed to the TALC Leadership Team to review and discuss the best way to address these in preparation for the meeting. After the discussion, it was determined that Dr. Lewis would open the meeting then all parties would have an opportunity for input and then more directly to the questions for discussion. Debbie emphasized that representatives from each taskforce, Student Affairs, Technology, and Continuing Education would need to be present for the meeting.

Professional Development – Staff and Professional Development – Faculty:

Sandra Boyd and Cathy Alexander gave an overview of the activities being planned for fall convocation which will be held on August 14. A list of proposed workshops for faculty and staff was distributed to the TALC Leadership Team for review and discussion. A confirmed list of workshops will be forthcoming and a campus wide memo will be e-mailed for participants to select their choice of sessions. Nine-month employees will be mailed the information as well as receiving it by e-mail.

Business and Industry:

Thad Harrill reported that the committee has not met since the last TALC meeting. The conference that Thad attended was informative. Plans are for the taskforce to meet sometime this fall (after August 14) and possibly initiate some of the strategic planning from the conference.

Learning Strategies:

Donna Harrison reported that the committee met on May 3. Final approval was given for Carolyn Young to setup a cooperative learning website. There were several good suggestions came from the meeting: to encourage two more people to participate in the cooperative learning leadership training; to conduct cooperative learning training one or two days in the fall and spring semesters (this would be in addition to professional development day); to explore the possibility to observe a “teacher of the year” in the county to learn hands-on strategies for the classroom; to explore bringing a presenter on campus for practical application/best practices/strategies on brain based learning; invite Ron Clark to facilitate a classroom strategies; and to organize a group on campus to read and discuss professional development literature.

Kim Gold reported that the Golden Apple Award would be presented at Fall Convocation. There were a total of nineteen nominations from a diverse group across campus.

Six people attended Cooperative Learning Foundations Training at Patrick Henry Community College on May 14-18.

She continues to work with several folks at Patrick Henry Community College to offer a cooperative learning summer institute in 2007 (possibly May or June). Roger Johnson suggested that we consider offering three workshops: Foundations, Advanced Cooperative Learning, and Dealing with Conflict. This would hopefully capture a much larger audience not reached before.

Technology Update:

Curtis Vance and Susan Vaughan reported the following:

GroupWise E-mail

- A survey was sent to all college personnel in April regarding their assessment of the upgraded GroupWise 7.0 to determine whether the IT staff would continue outsourcing or return to local hosting. Curtis distributed the results from the survey to the taskforce chairs for review and discussion. Several issues were discussed and some pros and cons were mentioned. Overall, the results were average or slightly above average. It was suggested that possibly GroupWise training may be helpful to individuals during convocation day.

➤ **Additional Domain Name Proposal**

Curtis expressed that we currently have two addresses (thelearningcollege.org and thelearningcollege.net). He asked the TALC Leadership Team whether to hold or release the addresses. Dr. Lewis suggested that it would be worth holding both addresses for one year to give us ample time to evaluate possible usage.

➤ **Distance Learning:**

The DL Coordination Team will be using Moodle (replacement for Blackboard) for delivery of online courses. Because of the expiration of our Blackboard license next spring (2007), any new on-line courses being developed for fall semester will need to be done in Moodle. Courses currently in Blackboard will gradually need to be converted to Moodle before spring.

Next Year:

In closing, Debbie asked the TALC Leadership Team to begin thinking about their choice as to whether to continue serving in their current role as chair or vice-chair.

Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, July 13 at 2:30pm in the Blue Room