

MINUTES
TALC LEADERSHIP TEAM
Tuesday July 1st, 2008 @ 2:30pm to 4:15pm

Members present: Debbie Puett, DeWalt Koone, Myra Johnson, Pat Freeman, Mike Gavin, Kelly Dedmon, Kim Gold, Karen Jones, Thad Harrill, Mike Saunders, Jo James, Jay Coomes, Sandra Boyd, Marnie Beaver, Curtis Vance, Terry McEntire. Maggie Killoran acted as recorder.

Announcements/Reminders

- Google apps training July 3, Rm 134 Bus Sciences. CPCC has developed info on this...Curtis will send weblink to all
- If you have not yet send your timeline items from your taskforce groups, please do so
- New website has been turned on by Debra Jones. Debbie would like a direct TALC link on main page. Mike suggested quick-links or employee page is best place for that. Jo James suggested some photos could act as hotlinks. Send answer to 2 questions in the next week or 2 (What is a learning college & what is TALC) to Debbie Puett for her to synthesize and put on the website.
- Mike Gavin asked to know when new taskforce groups meet in fall to take pictures and put them on the website.

Fall Convocation

- Jay Coomes discussed that the lobby will be laid out differently this year to be able to use a larger screen for projection needs; as well as to be able to hang some speakers from above to increase the sound.
- Food will be different. It will be served in other Seminar room (without the kitchen) since it is larger and can accommodate more people walking through.
- Lunch on second day includes either lunch-on-your-own or departmental lunch meetings
- Workshop info will be sent out soon and will emphasize the 2 hour lunch on 2nd day in case departments want to plan in advance to use that time to meet
- Facilitators have been identified per division for Global Awareness Breakout sessions on day 1. Most will facilitate for their own areas. James Jo will meet with facilitators before August 12th, 2008 to make sure they are all on the same page.
- A list of workshops for August 12 & 13 was handed out for the group to review.
- A frog bookmark will be ordered for everyone on August 12/13. Debbie asked that each Taskforce group send a short description/ditty to her that can use to get employees interested in that taskforce.

Taskforce updates

- Campus Life Taskforce - Health Fair October 16, 2008.
- Assessment taskforce is meeting on 10th of July to review the mission statement at 2:30pm

Campus Wide Meetings – Do we want to broaden these beyond assessment? This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

Identifying Barriers to Learning

Information was shared about the inception of TALC. In January 1998 a workshop was held to identify barriers in introducing active learning in the classroom. Each small group participated in lots of discussion and identified barriers. All the ideas were put together at that time and the following categories were identified:

- Prof development
- Assessment
- Technology
- Time
- Active learning (which is where cooperative learning entered the picture)

Today's Challenges/Barriers/Important Issues

In preparation for charting a course for the next 10 years, the Leadership Team brainstormed a list of challenges/barriers/issues. These will be considered in future meetings during 2008-2009.

Next Semester

First meeting next semester: September 2008. Please send your schedule to Debbie Puett so she can pick a date for the fall.

Homework

- 1 – Send your answer to questions “What is a learning college? And what is TALC?”
- 2 – Send a blurb to go on the handout for Mike advertising your Taskforce
- 3 - Give feedback on composite of brainstorming when it is sent to you.

Pat Freeman asked a question about Advantage-West who want teams from colleges to submit something on the theme of “creative use of a throw-away item”. Teams are registered on their website. Competition is September 10th through 20th, 2008 to upload a video. It is a great cooperative learning experience that ties into the environmental issue.