

Learning Strategies Task Force  
Thursday, November 11, 2004

**Present:**

Donna Harrison  
Kim Gold  
Carolyn Young  
Fred Bayley  
Chris Koone  
Melissa Swofford

Marnie Smathers  
Rick Childress  
John Quinley  
Bruce Waddingham  
Nancy Womack

**Old Business:**

- Kim Gold gave an update on Cooperative Learning training.
- Donna Harrison reported that Doris Crute facilitated a Roundtable on 4 MAT and Matt Guffey facilitated a Roundtable on Smarthinking.

**New Business:**

- Everyone was encouraged to post dates and times of committee meetings on the college meeting calendar.
- The task force was informed of the strategic goals and objectives that Kim Gold submitted to John Quinley for Goal 1a of the College Plan. (See Attachment)
- The Cooperative Learning facilitators will meet November 18, to discuss how to maintain support and cultivate leaders in CL.
- The Task Force was asked to brainstorm how the college could generate interest in learning strategies and how to cultivate future leaders.

Suggestions presented by the group:

- Facilitate Roundtable discussions focusing on one CL technique such as Jigsaw, Structured Controversy, Pair Read, Note-Taking Pairs, etc.
- Video-tape a cooperative learning lesson and distribute the tape on campus.
- Collect and organize resources
- Pursue 4-MAT training
- Create an on-line forum, such as "Discussion Board" to develop a discussion thread on learning strategies.
- Provide opportunities for on-line professional development seminars on learning strategies.
- Pilot a program to offer leave time or a reduced teaching load for faculty to (1) learn CL, (2) develop CL lessons for their classes, or (3) work with other faculty as consultants to assist in developing lesson plans.

The next meeting date is January 13, 2005 at 2:30 in the Blueroom