

Learning Strategies Task Force
Thursday, October 14, 2004

Members Present: Dr. Lewis, Dr. Harrison, Nancy Womack, John Quinley, Rick Childress, and Donna Harrison.

The meeting began with a review of the Taskforce's focus on Cooperative Learning:

- To train new faculty and adjunct faculty in the technique.
- To share Cooperative learning techniques with others.
- To serve as planning partners for newly trained faculty.
- To serve as a resource by demonstrating the technique in class.

The group made the following suggestions:

- Support the new group currently receiving training by finding volunteers to be mentors or planning partners.
- To find volunteers to be a resource by demonstrating techniques in class.
- Schedule Roundtables to demonstrate specific techniques such as: Structured Controversy, Jigsaw, Note-taking Pairs, and how to assess Cooperative Activities.

Other business:

- Nancy Womack and John Quinley discussed the need for a member of the Taskforce to serve as an Ad Hoc member of the QEP committee.
- Rick Childress agreed to send a campus-wide email to identify PBL websites.
- Donna Harrison informed the group of scheduled roundtables:
Smarthinking – October 28, Time TBA, Library Computer Lab – Matt Guffey
4-MAT – November 2, 2:00, the Blueroom – Doris Crute

The next meeting date is November 11, at 2:30, bldg. 6, the Blueroom