

Learning Strategies Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2005

Present:

Donna Harrison
Kim Gold
Carolyn Young
Erin Riddle
Scott Hutchins

Vicki Covington
Rick Childress
Melissa Johnson
Jo James

- Carolyn Young reported on her progress for a discussion board. All faculty would share the same password. Topics discussed for the discussion board were: Attendance; Motivating Students to Read; PBL; Cooperative Learning; miscellaneous. Debra Jones said that a lot of resources are already available on existing websites, so, we do not have to reinvent the wheel. Carolyn will send everyone on the task force a link so that we can view the website.
- Donna and Kim gave an update on the new award established, called “The Golden Apple Award.” The award will recognize any Isothermal full-time or part-time employee, who promotes the learning concept on campus.
- Vicki reported on a Brain Based Learning workshop that she and Melissa Quinley attended. The facilitator of the workshop, Elsie Ritzenhein, will present brain based learning at our Professional Development Day in February.
- Kim discussed cooperative learning training. Kim suggested that Isothermal try something different this year by teaming up with Patrick Henry Community College for Foundations Training May 15-18, on the Patrick Henry campus. The Task Force approved the suggestion.
- Kim further suggested that Isothermal consider joining ASU and/or WCU in a collaborative effort to provide a cooperative learning summer institute. Both ASU and WCU are open to offering graduate credit to participants. The Task Force agreed to pursue this suggestion. Kim asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to assist her with the details in planning the institute.
- The Task Force brainstormed topics for spring semester round tables. Possible topics included: Structured Controversy; Hybrid Courses; Jigsaw; Brain Based Learning; Computer Security; PBL. Donna will confirm presenters dates and times for the roundtables after Christmas vacation.
- Meeting adjourned.