

**Learning Strategies Task Force
Agenda – November 29, 2006**

Erin Riddle co-chair
Debbie Wiltshire (absent)
Ashley Day
Myra Johnson (absent)
Carolyn Young (absent)
Donna Harrison (absent)
Melissa Johnson (absent)
Scott Hutchins
Connie Toney (absent)
Lisa Canterbury (absent)

Jo James co-chair
John Quinley
Mark Ellis
Bill Lewis (absent)
Chris Koone (absent)
Kim Gold (absent)
Rich Childress (absent)
Vicki Covington
Jeremiah Council (absent)
Kim Amos

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm, Room 114, Business Sciences building.

Update from members who attended workshops, conferences, etc...

- World View: Jo James, Scott Hutchins, and John Quinley attended the conference provided by UNC Chapel Hill. Good comments about the conference. Jo will recommend that Isothermal Community College (ICC) join the consortium. Two specific speakers were identified as worthy of attempting to get them to visit ICC, Peter Brews and Gary Gereffi. Scott will pass these names along to the Professional Development committee. Jo will also identify these speakers at the next TALC meeting.
- ERCBEC: Scott Hutchins, Melissa Johnson and Rick Childress attended the conference. Good comments about the conference. A speaker was identified as worthy of attempting to get her to visit ICC, Iwana Ridgill. Sandra Boyd from PD Staff also attended the meeting and has her contact information.
- Community College Humanities Southern Association conference: John Quinley and Mark Ellis attended this conference. Good comments about conference provided a global perspective for humanities courses.

Learning Strategies Task Force sub-committee reports

- Cooperative Learning: March 2007 institute still under planning by Kim Gold and Donna Harrison. New faculty will attend the Brown Book training. In addition to Brown Book, Green Book will be offered. New faculty on the Learning Strategies Taskforce will attend Brown Book and remaining members are encouraged to complete at least through the Green Book. Brown Book costs have been budgeted through this taskforce along with funds for Green Book training. Melissa Johnson, Scott Hutchins, and Rick Childress have expressed interest in attending Green Book training.
- Round Tables:
 - Assessment in Formative Learning by Vicki Covington and Kelly Dedmon will be conducted in late January. The tentative date for this round table is January 20, 2007. Upon return in January, this date will be confirmed and an e-mail can be sent out in early January to all.

- Asking Good Questions by Vicki Covington will be conducted in late February. Exact date to be set at January Learning Strategy Taskforce meeting.
- Travel & Study by John Quinley and Brett Parker will be conducted in March. Exact date to be set at January Learning Strategy Taskforce meeting.
- Online Instructor Resource Repository by Ashley Day will be conducted in April. Exact date to be set at January Learning Strategy Taskforce meeting.
- John Quinley suggested that we attempt to provide lunch to roundtable attendees in an effort to boost attendance. Jo James will bring this issue up at TALC to see if funds are available.
- Instructor Resources: Ashley Day reports that sub-committee members met to discuss this challenge. The Online Instructor Resource Repository is one of the first topics identified in this area. The use of moodle as an on-line tool to serve as a repository was chosen as opposed to developing a custom forum. The course on moodle has been created and the sub-committee members have been working on building the skeleton and hope to begin adding the “flesh” during the spring semester. (*Want to see it?* You can visit the site on moodle. No key is required. Login to moodle and select the Courses hyperlink to go to the Course Categories Web page. On the Course Categories Web page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Learning Strategies Taskforce course to enroll. The course is already up, but has only begun to be developed.) Jo James spoke with Cindy Moore re: formal training for new faculty. During the conversation, Cindy indicated that no formal packet or manual existed specifically for faculty, but that she was in the process of working on training manuals for all types of employees. Since the Learning Strategies Taskforce is working on resources and mentor programs to serve the same needs, Jo offered these to Cindy, as they became available.
- Professional Development Opportunities and Speakers: See notes above for the conferences attended with recommended speakers.

Guidelines and Procedures for College Events

- Jo James distributed this document.

ACA 115 focus group results

- Results reviewed by members with intent to see how these results could be utilized by the Learning Strategies Taskforce. Erin Riddle indicated that she has used these results when developing her advising material for students. In addition, when developing the faculty training material on advising and registration, the need for ACA registration needs be addressed.

Future learning opportunities

- NC Great Teachers Retreat – February 22 – 25, 2007
- Cooperative Learning Institute – March 22 – 25, 2007
- World View: Hispanic/Latinos in the Carolinas - March 27-28, 2007
- World View: South Asia – March 28 – 29, 2007

- World View Librarian's Workshop: Islamic Africa – April 19 -20, 2007

Next meeting date

No further meetings are scheduled for this semester. Jo James will send an e-mail after return to school in January with potential dates for meeting. The date with the least number of “no” votes will be the first date. During the January meeting, the subsequent dates for the taskforce meetings will be set for the spring semester.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

FYI – Subcommittee Members

Cooperative Learning

Kim Gold – Fearless Leader

Donna Harrison

Chris Koone

Jo James

Erin Riddle

Round Tables

Lisa Canterbury – Fearless Leader

Vicki Covington

John Quinley

Jeremiah Councill

Instructor Resources

Ashley Day – Fearless Leader

Rick Childress

Vicki Covington

Carolyn Young

Melissa Johnson

Mark Ellis

World View

(a sub-sub-committee under Instructor Resources)

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Professional Development Opportunities and Speakers

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