

**Learning Strategies Taskforce  
Minutes  
01-16-03**

The Learning Strategies Taskforce met on Thursday, January 16, 2003 in the Red Room of building 6. Members present at the meeting were:

Betty Harris  
Donna Harrison  
Vicki Covington  
Kelly Dedmon  
Debbie Puett  
Kim Gold

Kim Gold opened the meeting by updating members regarding old items of business. The first item of old business was setting a date for the Paedia round table. It was determined that February or March might be best. The Nuts and Bolts training that Roger Johnson kicked off in November will include three additional sessions. The first of these sessions has been scheduled for January 23, 2003. The last two sessions will be held in March and April. The March and April dates have not been established. The Summer Institute for Cooperative Learning is in the planning stages and advertising is being distributed. The registration deadline is March 31.

New business included a discussion of learning strategies that the taskforce might be interested in investigating. Vicki Covington mentioned that Cheryl Knight from Appalachian State University might be a resource. It was then discussed that before pursuing additional strategies it would be interesting to receive feedback from faculty regarding learning needs. It was discussed that a survey would be beneficial in giving the taskforce direction. There was then discussion of how to generate interest in new learning strategies while maintaining interest and motivation in areas that have already been presented. Some suggestions for gaining and sustaining interest included: 1. Making workshops and trainings practical, 2. continuing round tables for people to share ideas, 3. developing support systems, and 4. building on previous learning. One idea for a Round table would be to share icebreakers and games. Teambuilding exercises were also mentioned as being beneficial. It was decided that a survey would be developed and administered before the next meeting. The survey results will be discussed at that time.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.