

**Learning Strategies Taskforce Meeting  
10-28-03**

The Learning Strategies Taskforce met on October 28, 2003 in the blue room of building 6. The following members were in attendance.

Fred Bayley	Donna Harrison	Nancy Womack
Vicki Covington	Robert Harrison	
Kelly Dedmon	Steve Hollifield	
Kim Gold	Chris Koone	
Tim Greene	Bill Lewis	

The meeting began with a discussion of old business. Donna Harrison reported that a work shop on Problem-based learning had been discussed with the Professional Development for Faculty Task force and the Professional Development Taskforce for Staff and it was felt that this workshop would be most appropriate for the Professional development day in August. Donna agreed to call Ann Lambros and ask her to put August 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 on her calendar. The completion of the Nuts and Bolts training that began in November of 2003 was discussed. Nancy Womack agreed to lead the second session to be held the last week of January 2004. Kim Gold agreed to contact Barbara Peterson and prepare the 3<sup>rd</sup> session to be held the second week of February. The fourth session will be led by Robert Harrison the last week of February. The third item of business was discussion of a work shop on Format training. Doris Crute is qualified and willing to lead an awareness session on this topic. The taskforce discussed the possibility of including this training as an option on either Professional Development Day in February or August. This idea will be discussed with the Professional Development Taskforces to identify and appropriate time to offer this training. Donna reported that the Paidea round table was a success and the group discussed the need for follow up on this work shop. It was decided that a survey would be conducted to determine future needs. Also it was felt that it would be good to offer the workshop again in order to give others the chance to attend. Kim Gold reported that Rick Childress had agreed to research Brain-based learning and or research.

Items of new business included sharing the Learning Strategies budget for 2003-2004. Other new business included a discussion of Appreciative Inquiry. It was mentioned that this is a learning strategy that is receiving a lot of attention in educational literature and might be a topic the taskforce should explore. Dr. Lewis agreed to research this topic and report back to the taskforce. It was discussed that practical workshops and applications seemed to be appreciated and it would be advantageous to seek learning strategies that could be directly applicable to the classroom. Fred Bayley mentioned the need for adjunct and part-time instructor training. The difficulty with training for this group is finding time that is convenient for everyone. It was felt that providing online resources would be one way to address this problem. Chris Koone shared a website that was developed for part-time instructors. This website is listed below:

<http://www.lru.bcit.ca/resources/>

The next meeting was scheduled for November 24, 2003 at 2:30.

