

**Learning Strategies Taskforce**  
**Minutes**  
9-23-03

The Learning Strategies Taskforce met on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at 2:30 in the Blue room of the Business Sciences building. The following members were in attendance:

Fred Bayley	Robert Harrison
Rick Childress	Steve Hollifield
Jeremiah Council	Chris Koone
Kim Gold	Bill Lewis
Tim Greene	Nancy Womack
Donna Harrison	

The meeting began with Donna Harrison sharing the results of a survey that was distributed during the summer semester. This survey asked faculty what professional development activity they had participated in that was beneficial to them and also asked respondents to prioritize three learning strategies that they would like to see presented on campus. The results were reviewed by the taskforce.

Kim Gold then reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cooperative Learning Institute will be held at the Foundation on June 6<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Roger Johnson will facilitate the Foundations training Monday through Tuesday and facilitators from Isothermal will finish the training on Wednesday. It is also anticipated that the Advanced training course will be offered during the Summer Institute. It was discussed that one goal for the Institute is increased participation from public schools. Several suggestions were made regarding ways to increase the number of public school participants. These suggestions included talking to Dr. Peters, the new superintendent, asking Isothermal Board of Trustee members to consider attending and providing an Awareness session for the Rutherford County Board of Education. Dr. Lewis offered to contact the State Office to gain support from them. There was some discussion of the need for Foundations training for new faculty. It was felt that there was not a large enough number of new faculty to warrant training apart from the Summer Institute. Three roundtables were mentioned that would be offered in September and October. Members then discussed ideas for future roundtables. One suggestion was to have people who have attended workshops or conferences share what they learned. It was also suggested that a round table on learning communities might be beneficial and might encourage others to consider becoming involved in developing future learning communities.

The taskforce then discussed goals for the 2003 –2004 academic year. One goal that the taskforce set was to pursue a workshop on Problem-based learning. Chris Koone reported that Ann Lambros at the Wake Forest School of Medicine had facilitated workshops on Problem-based learning and could be contacted to do a full day workshop on campus. The taskforce felt that this workshop might be appropriate for Professional Development Day in February or on the second day of convocation in August. Rick Childress suggested Brain-based learning as a possible learning strategy to research for future training. Fred Bayley also suggested that a similar strategy might be Format training. Doris Crute is qualified to offer this training. It was decided that an awareness session in Format training might be appropriate to give faculty an idea of what this training had to offer.

The next meeting date was set for October 28, 2003 at 2:30. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.