

**Learning Strategies Task Force
Minutes – April 1, 2009**

Ashley Day co-chair
Debbie Wiltshire (absent)
Loreen Smith
Noelle Hoyle (absent)
Scott Hutchins (absent)
Donna Harrison (absent)
Melissa Johnson
Mike Lipkin (absent)
Erin Riddle (absent)

Jo James co-chair
Brett Parker
Mark Ellis
Sarah Kilgo
Jonathan Jones (absent)
Kim Gold (absent)
Rick Childress (absent)
Kim Amos (absent)

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm, Room 113, Business Sciences building.

1. Update on current academic year's goals
 - a. Global awareness
 - i. Fall 2008, workshops held at Convocation and Professional Development to work on campus wide global awareness action plan. Faculty and staff made commitments for the current year for advancement of the global awareness.
 - ii. Spring 2009 – LSTF began collecting feedback on commitments. Email sent out campus-wide for feedback from employees. Ashley Day will send another email, thanking those that have provided the results and asking for those who have not responded to send results. After spring break 2009, Mrs. Day will identify those not responding to the emails and delegate to members of the LSTF to follow up, based on department.
 - iii. Global awareness boards discussed, with the topic of revising the current bulletin board system. This issue is will become a goal for the next academic year.
 - b. Cooperative Learning
 - i. Moodle site created to store training materials for Brown Book facilitators. Current materials have been gathered from all facilitators.
 - ii. Brown Book materials for new edition will need revision. The CL subcommittee has begun reviewing Chapter 1 materials to develop a template for all chapters.
 - c. Instructor Repository
 - i. Melissa Johnson and Rick Childress are working on current layout. Loreen Smith will join them in revising the layout for the presentation in Fall on professional development day.
 - ii. Each section of the moodle site needs to have an explanatory paragraph for the topic to users. Sections were divided and assigned as follows:

1. Ashley Day: Problem based learning, Bloom's taxonomy, and learning focused instruction.
2. Jo James: Cooperative learning
3. Sarah Kilgo: Technology in the classroom, REaCH, and assessment
4. Mark Ellis: Learning styles, concept mapping, and distance learning
5. Brett Parker: Global awareness
6. Loreen Smith: Brain based learning and multiple intelligences

The paragraph explaining these sections is due to Melissa Johnson (johnsonm@isothermal.edu) by April 24, 2009

2. Next year's goals
 - a. Cooperative learning
 - i. Training materials for new edition of book by May 2010
 - ii. Summer 2010 institute at Isothermal for CL
 - iii. Train additional facilitators for Brown Book training
 - b. Instructor repository
 - i. Workshop fall 2009 Convocation/Professional Development
 - ii. Semi-annual review of progress on repository
 - c. Global awareness
 - i. Revamp bulletin board plan – discussed and resolved with possible rotation of boards several times per year.
 - ii. Sister college blog developed through Arts and Sciences division
 - iii. Publish results of Fall 2008 Global Awareness activities
 - iv. Revise Global Awareness Action Plan for World View
 - v. Attend World View
 - vi. Focus on Turkey as country of interest for academic activities
3. Budget requests
 - a. Yellow Book training (as facilitators of Brown Book) 4 people at \$2000 per person
 - b. World View – 4 people
 - c. Bulletin board resources for six boards across campus
 - d. League for Innovation
4. Professional Development topics for faculty
 - a. Problem based learning
 - b. CL refresher
 - c. Teacher Repository training
 - d. Interdisciplinary studies planning time
 - e. Team-teaching planning time

Additional request for PD topics to be emailed to Jo James

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm. No further meetings are scheduled for Spring 2009 semester.