

Minutes-Professional Development Faculty
Thursday, May 31, 2007
1:00 pm Room 124, Building 14

Members present:

Amber Thompson
Cindy Hightower
Jim Garren
Terry McEntire
Cindy Martin
Jay Coomes
Cathy Alexander

Present in Spirit:

Jamey Spratt

Also Present:

Kim Gold
Sandra Boyd

Business Sciences Dean Kim Gold was a guest participant. Kim is currently working on her doctoral dissertation and had asked the taskforce co-chairs if she could "sit in" on one of our meetings as an observer.

The final plans for the upcoming Professional Development were discussed at great length. After a meeting with newly appointed Isothermal President Dr. Myra Johnson, Jay Coomes was able to produce an agenda that will meet the needs of everyone involved.

Unable to attend the meeting, Jamey Spratt sent a report addressing the schedule and content of Dr Brown's comments.

The taskforce determined that some of the topics we wish to address may fall to the 2008 Spring or Fall Professional Development events and began preliminary discussions about them, including the possibility of a college retreat at Kanuga or an off-campus meeting at Fairfield or Lake Lure Inn. After considerable discussion, the taskforce agreed that a college-wide retreat at Kanuga should be postponed until the fall of 2008 or the spring of 2009.

Sandra Boyd was in attendance to discuss the needs and requests of Professional Development Staff and shared their comments about the agenda and workshop offerings. The workshop list is being "tweaked" and will be announced soon.

Cindy Hightower reported that she would leave that evening to attend the "Train the Trainer, adjunct faculty" workshop at Southwestern Community College Friday, June 1st.

The proposed budget for Professional Development Faculty 2007-2008 was briefly addressed.

The taskforce is seeking information about future locations and availability of facilities for some off-campus sessions in 2008.

The taskforce agreed to communicate through e-mail and meet again when some specific details and decisions need to be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Alexander, co-chair
Jay Coomes, co-chair