

Professional Development – Faculty
Minutes
November 8, 2005
Communications Bldg – Room 124
2:00 p.m.

Members present: Cathy Alexander, Scott Bradey, Clara Fowler, Melissa Johnson, DeWalt Koone, Melissa Quinley, Amber Thompson

Guests present: Jeremiah Councill, Jo James

I. Presentation by Melissa Johnson and Jo James

Melissa and Jo attended ERCBEC in October and reported on workshops they attended that might be considered for future Faculty Development days. Among those that were discussed were: *Valencia “Scenarios”*, *Reinventing Professional Growth*, and *Getting Students Hooked*.

- A. Valencia “Scenarios” is a faculty development program through Valencia Community College in Orlando that uses online community groups to deliver professional development. It was thought to be good for both full-time and part-time faculty. Individual topics *included Learner Centered Syllabus, Classroom Assessment Techniques, Grading, and Student Cheating* among others. This was thought to be an excellent program, although somewhat pricey. Further research into this program will be done by Melissa Johnson to see if this is feasible for ICC to use in the future.
- B. *Reinventing Professional Growth* is a program by Midlands Tech in South Carolina. Their program looked into the assessing and reorganizing the functions of professional development. They will be contacted to inquire about their delivering a workshop in the future.
- C. *Getting Students Hooked* was delivered by Emily Rogers, a nursing instructor from Spartanburg Tech. She does a short presentation on how to involve students in their learning. Melissa and Jo thought she was engaging and interesting and that we might be able to use her for a one hour presentation. Since she is close by this might be a good possibility.
- D. Although Melissa and Jo did not hear a presentation by Mark Milliron (former head of the League for Innovation in Community Colleges), they stated that he is thought to be quite good, and might be someone to consider for an all day program. He will be contacted by Melissa Quinley to see if he would be able to do a program for us.

II. Presentation by Jeremiah Council on the *Great Books Foundation*

Jeremiah had attended a seminar given by the *Great Books Foundation* on the process of *Shared Inquiry*. Although the focus of his seminar was the discussion of literature, Jeremiah said that this could be applied to all disciplines and there would be something of interest for everyone. He will look into this for the fall. The *Great Books Foundation* website says that “shared inquiry strengthens critical thinking and civil discourse, promotes reading and the appreciation of literature, and provides people of all ages with a powerful instrument for social engagement and lifelong learning.”

III. Other Professional Development Opportunities

- A. Melissa Johnson said she would be willing to offer some technology based workshops on topics such as EXCEL, Groupwise and BlackBoard.
- B. Melissa Quinley, Vicki Covington and Rick Childress will be attending the workshop on “Brain-based learning” at Central Carolina CC on November 17. Melissa will bring information back from the workshop concerning the feasibility of having the presenters do a presentation for ICC.
- C. Melissa Quinley will attend the workshop on “Critical Thinking” at Surry CC in December, and also gather information from the presenters to see if their presentation would be something for us to consider.
- D. Cathy or Melissa will also look further into the On Course program conducted by Skip Downing. (Strategies for Student Success)

Another meeting will be scheduled after Melissa returns from the brain workshop (hopefully with her brain intact) to discuss specifics for the February 7 development day. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Quinley