

## Professional Development for Staff Minutes

The Professional Development Staff Taskforce met in the Blue Room of Business Sciences at 2:15pm on Monday, November 14, 2005.

The following members were present: Sandra Boyd, Jeff McEntire, Rita Merrill, Lois Scruggs, Nan Thompson, Shirley Burrell, Treva Clayton, Judy Gordon and Debbie Hollifield.

The meeting started with time being given to Kim Gold, Vice Chair of Learning Strategies. She spoke to the group about the learning award the Learning Strategies Committee is studying and expects to propose. She also mentioned her group had discussed a staff award similar to the faculty award now presented annually. She had learned the Professional Development for Staff committee had also discussed this topic and wanted to lend support for this idea.

Rita Merrill gave a report on the recent ERCBEC conference which she and Sandra Boyd attended. She recommended the "Academic Advising Run Amuck" workshop and presenter, Karen Ravan from Spartanburg Tech, as a possibility for us to offer on our campus.

The following workshops for Professional Development Day on February 7<sup>th</sup> were discussed in detail: Healthy choices, investing, safety on campus and beyond, a panel discussion on retirement, becoming a parent to our parents, students with disabilities and campus drills (fire, bomb threat, etc.) These will be pursued by contacting the appropriate people to do these workshops.

The committee again discussed the idea of a Staff Senate. Topics covered were the purpose of such a group, the number of staff to serve and how to allocate membership to cover the campus in a fair method. Members discussed forming a sub-committee to investigate this idea with the realization that it may be a long process.

Our next meeting will be December 14, 2005 at 2:15pm in the Blue Room.