

Professional Development for Staff Minutes

The Professional Development Staff Taskforce met in the Blue Room of the Business Sciences Building at 2:30pm on Monday, November 27th, 2006.

The meeting began by reviewing the events of the ERCBEC conference attended by Lisa Padgett and Sandra Boyd. This annual conference covers competency-based education and the theme for this years conference was "Our Changing Community College Environment". A report was given by Lisa Padgett of workshops attended and how they could be used for our professional development day activities One possibility for a motivational speaker from the conference was Iwana Ridgill from Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC who spoke on "Changing Attitudes: Take This Job and Love It".

Work on the Professional Development workshops for next February was the next item on the agenda. The morning session will cover, as suggested by this committee, safety items including a scheduled departmental walk thru of a bomb threat and the lockdown procedure being implemented for the campus. The afternoon workshops were discussed with the addition of three new ones, some coming from previous committee input. These cover identity theft, personal emergency preparedness from the Red Cross and what the SECU offers. A small gift for the presenters was discussed and members of the committee volunteered to serve as a host for the various workshops. New ideas for workshops for future consideration were: natural disaster or pandemic, Continuing Education classes being offered as workshops and Professor Jo Martin as a possible motivational speaker.

The workshops for February 6, 2007 as of now are:

- 3rd Party Programs
- Color Me Beautiful
- Mini Health Fair – 2 sessions
- Retirement Planning
- What is WIA
- Be Red Cross Ready
- Identity Theft
- E-Procurement

The final draft of the Isothermal Community College Staff Award was sent to Dr. Lewis after approval from this committee. The possibility of having a financial award is still being pursued and an organization has been approached about funding this award on the same level as the Eaves award for faculty.

The meeting ended at 3:47p.m.

Next meeting will be in January with the date being announced later.