

Faculty Development Committee Minutes

Thursday September 25, 2014 1:00 pm

Members present: Nancy Hickey, Terry Mullins, Carla Simpson, Kim Todd, and Sara Youngerman

Members absent: Candyce Sweet, Kerri Wilson

The first order of business was to elect a chair and a secretary for the committee. Sara Youngerman volunteered to be the chair and Nancy Hickey volunteered for the secretary.

The committee was presented a request for travel arrangements for a speaker, Mr. Jake Cooper, from the IDEA Center, to present to the faculty on Thursday October 9th. Mr. Cooper is a senior education officer for the IDEA Center, Inc., he will present multiple sessions to faculty on using IDEA results and strategies to improve teaching and student learning. The amount requested from the faculty development fund was \$2,038.01, in addition \$500.00 dollars to be requested from the Research and Information budget. The committee voted unanimously to approve the travel request.

The next order of business was the discussion of the charge of the committee. The committee discussed the protocol of future requests from faculty to attend various conferences, workshops, SACS accreditation meetings, etc. The committee recommended seeking out some direction and understanding of the process of travel requests from faculty and the process to recommend or not recommend the requests. The committee in the past has been a recommending body and is requesting clarification via Vice- President for Academic Affairs if this charge is to continue.

Respectfully,

Nancy Hickey

Faculty Development Committee, Secretary