

Staff Development “Developments”

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Staff Development has new energy and direction this year. SD is drafting a mission statement that asserts the importance of professional development for all faculty, staff and administrators. In addition, SD is carving out its focus this year, which will include improving student learning and institutional effectiveness, SLOs and assessment. Although SD will continue to fund many professional activities such as conferences, SD is striving to emphasize work that closely examines student learning, asking the proverbial question: how do we learn? Examining the complexities of reading is an effective avenue to substantive, meaningful discussion on learning. SD will update its proposal forms so that they will reflect this new emphasis. SD will ask its fundees to address what they explored in terms of student learning in their myriad activities. Their comments will become part of the SD website. In addition, SD is organizing one workshop this semester (Dennis Chowenhill, Cindy Hicks, and Tom Dewitt --point people) that will further address student learning.

Core Membership:

Rachel LePell, (chair) Rosie Mogle, Danielle Campi Dennis Chowenhill, Marcia Corcoran, Arlene DeLeon William Johnson, Carmen Johnston, Angie Magallon, Gloria Meads, Kathleen Tolefson, Michelle Sherry, Stephen Woodhams, Barbara Worthington, , Nicole Scoles, Jon Traugott, Judy Young. All meetings open.

Conferences

Please use the Chabot Website to apply for SD conference money. Go to “Faculty and Staff”, click on “Staff Development,” Click on “Conference proposals, print out the form, fill it in, acquire signatures, and send to Rosie Mogle Limits: \$300 per year for conference attendance. \$400 per year if you are presenting, \$500 if you are emphasizing technology. Our forms and our spending limits will be updated by mid-year, but for now, this is what it is.

Coming Up:

More opportunities to examine student learning...let's talk about reading, let's talk about learning, let's talk... A “retreat” of sorts, on a Friday, to dive in, get wet, get dirty, and mix metaphors. Probably around mid-October, November.

Kathleen Kaser is organizing an iPod follow up from convocation that will further our exploration of iPod use in our curricula. Watch for details.

Who's been funded for cool stuff already this year:

Bernierose Wilson, Naoma Mize, Jane Church, Dara Green, Nancy Cowan Hilal Ozdemir, Sadie Ashraf, JoAnn Galliano.