

# Staff Development "Developments"

November 1, 2007

**Giving everyone a chance to grow**

**News and Summary Minutes**

**Written and submitted by Rachel LePell, chair**

**Flex Day Thoughts** ... Among all the tasks and reports – SLOACs, Learning Connection, Basic Skills, DE, Facilities, Accreditation, Power Plants, Program Reveiw, et. all....we want to include “Recess,” a chance to “Play” with perhaps two sessions of playtime, including a John Parente workshop, perhaps a mask-making session, a chance to sing or play music, a chance to dance our....off, a chance to experience a Breema session with Mark Schaeffer, a chance to meditate, a chance to just sit around and complain, a chance to do yoga, breathe, draw, practice our golf swings, our tennis swings, our freestyle, a chance to play a board game, maybe a round of Chess, of Bridge, Scrabble, Dodge Ball?

**We will be furthering our thoughts and plans on Flex Day at our next meeting on  
Nov. 15 at 3 pm in 1103**

## **Minutes:**

We approved the conference requests that came in from Sean Connolly, Tammeil Gilkerson, Ramon Parada, Tim Harris, Jon Palacio and Gloria Meads.

We did not approve the request for money from TTIP for Jan Novak’s part timers who are working with DE. This discussion was long and full of nuance, but there is much concern that we do not set a precedent about funding adjunct faculty for collegial participation. The deans need to be brought into this process, because there may be quality control issues. We agreed that DE is off and running but we don’t want to fund adjuncts who may be eager to develop DE materials outside of the area’s ongoing consultation about curriculum and pedagogical issues. We support Jan and the DE movement, but it was the process that was called into question. Therefore, we opted not to fund the request at this time.

We also agreed to fund the math conference at **\$1300.00** total and let them divvy this up however they want to. They had asked for \$5135.00 and although we all agreed that this was a groovy thing for them to do, we simply did not have the funds to cover it. This brought up the sticky wicket of how we might set limits on conferences for groups, or should we continue to encourage mentoring models of conference attendance.

We all agreed that John Parente's event was nourishing but we had different takes on how and why... We agreed that we should have John do more of these on campus, and that maybe individual divisions request him in some way. We talked about maybe pairing up divisions to have certain kinds of things, and it occurred to me that maybe we ought to pair up divisions that do **not** naturally go together, so that we might actually have to get to know each other. Whee... This led to talking about workshops To Go, and Marcia reminded us that she has lots of good resources in that area, should we decide to go "workshop shopping."

We agreed that maybe we ought to make smaller targets for participating in SD events, that it might yield greater numbers....the challenge of getting folks to participate is always a tall order, yes.

Marcia announced that we ought to send more folks to an inexpensive one-day conference at Laney next Friday (20 bucks gets you there and is re-imbursable through Cristina Ruggerio and IPBC – save the reg. receipts) that looks at Basic Skills and Faculty Inquiry Groups (FIGS).

Let's see if we might drum up some solid participation in this local event. I may be able to go, and perhaps others too.

Marcia then passed out the Fullbright Scholarship brochure -- we ooded and awed at it and dreamed that maybe someone around here might go abroad....? Seriously, maybe SD can encourage folks to apply...absolutely.

We then started in on Flex Day and what might happen....this is where things got wild and playful...see opening box...RECESS, maybe an acronym? More to come at our next meeting:

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm in Room 1103.**

**Agenda:**

Here's a starting point:

Work and Play – ahhh

Mind and Body -- ahh

Get Grounded

Got Ground?

9-11 Work SLOs and Basic Skills

11-12 Play -- physical

12 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3 Work -- Learning Connection and DE

3- 4 -- play – meditative, spiritual? Go home feeling grounded?

Til then...I know that Marcia had something to put on the agenda for next meeting, but I didn't write it down, sorry Marcia – was it the Fullbright? Remind me?

Til then...

Rachel

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***Core members: Marcia Corcoran, Arlene DeLeon, Tammeil Gilkerson, Carmen Johnston, Angie Magallon, Gloria Meads, Rosie Mogle, Steve Piatetsky, Nicole Scoles, Steve Woodhams, Barbara Worthington, and Rachel LePell (Chair).***