



# Staff Development "Developments"

October 4, 2007

**Giving everyone a chance to grow**

**News and Summary minutes from October 4, 2007**

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

"An Afternoon of Reflection" is Thursday, Oct. 18. This is a Staff Development sponsored event, inviting all faculty, staff and administrators to participate in an afternoon of activities designed to help us pause and reflect on "Who We Are" and "What We Do" in our professional lives.

3:30 – 5:30 with **John Parente** in Room 2213

Light Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 Art Gallery opening

8:00 *Curse of the Starving Class* a play  
In the Little Theater

This is follow-up to the question we posed during Convocation: Who Are Youuuuu?

**Steve Piatetsky** will design a flyer for the event, and **Arlene DeLeon** will assist him. He will talk to John Parente about an appropriate blurb to put on the flyer so that it will entice folks to attend. They will distribute the flyer in hard copy and electronically to the whole campus. We will ALL help put flyers up and around.

**Carmen Johnston** will work with **Marcia Corcoran** to get the food together. We approved \$300 for food for this event.

**Steve Woodhams, Angie Magellon, Barbara Worthington and Gloria Meads** (we drafted you, Gloria) are going to help with set-up and break-down of nec. items.

**All of us** will help spread the word, and **all of us** will attend (this is in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.)

**Arlene:** maybe you could provide us with a simple Feedback sheet for the day?

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**Barbara, Arlene, Angie and Tammeil** (Carmen gave us your name) agreed to be part of the Flex Day sub-committee, a group who can get the plans started and rolling. **I**, too, will be part of this group. I reminded them that we already have groups vying for time during flex day, including Basic Skill grantees, and the SLO committee.

We will also be forming a Convocation sub-committee – I reminded folks that this group will need to work over the summer. No volunteers...yet

I handed out a hard copy of what went out in an email to all the campus about our process. Lots of good feedback on making it more clear next time. **Steve P.** suggested that we list all kinds of activities that SD might fund, so that people don't think it's all about conferences all the time. **Steve** also suggested we make it more clear about paying first, getting reimbursed later. We will incorporate these changes in the next mailing, which will be early 2008. **Arlene and Steve W.** also made constructive notes about clarifying the document.

We approved all the requests for funding that **Rosie** wrote up for us. **Steve P.** said that he would like more information to make a more informed decision about approving this funding, and we talked about the need to have **Rosie** funnel the information for us, and that we had a lot of trust in the process. **He** is encouraged to contact **Rosie** ahead of the meeting times for more time to look things over.

The discussion about the Leadership institute was tabled, because I need to get the documents from **Ron's** office.

The meeting closed with a discussion of series of events/speakers/workshops, focusing on 1968, with a possible concert by the White Album Band...This is **Steve Woodham's** ongoing passion and he is tossing the ideas around to various folks at Chabot. I suggested that SD help in some way, that we support the theme as an opportunity to reflect about social change and its connection to all of us. Maybe something will emerge in terms of 1968 – 2008 Forty years....what's the same? What's different? (thanks **Barb** ) Yummy stuff to think about, to chew on, for all of us here. But I suggested that we avoid nostalgia, a kind of wallowing in "the good old days..." Agreement all around. Keep it alive and enticing for today's students and staff.

**Our next meeting will be: Nov. 1, at 3 pm in 1108**

Agenda items:

Leadership institute?

Budget updates

Reflection on Reflection – how did it go?

Flex Day Brainstorm

Convocation Brainstorm.

***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).***