



Staff Development "Developments"

November 6, 2008

Giving everyone a chance to grow

(this document is both a newsletter and summary minutes)

1. We approved **Kip Waldo's** conference request for 250.00
2. **Katie Hern** was our guest today and she discussed the sharing of BSI (Basic Skills Initiative) professional development requests for funds with our committee. We agreed that BSI should use our forms and that as the proposals go to Rosie Mogle, we will pass along Basic Skills projects to the BSI allocation committee. She explained the content of their criteria and included it on the document that went out electronically earlier this week. She reminded us that BSI has 3 "pockets" of funding and that professional development was one of them, thus our collaboration.

She has now coined the phrase, "turfy thing" in describing how some of our committees function and want to avoid any "turfy thing" with SD. We have no problem surrendering the administrative process of approving funding to BSI -- and since we're all pretty good buddies these days, we have no "turfy" issues -- Katie and I will communicate regularly about proposals that may meet both BSI and/or SD as "Time Goes By..." (I just finished showing *Casablanca* to my film students, sorry for the musing)

3. We agreed to re-design our form for our spotlight series, as one piece of paper—the invitation to do it and the form to fill out as a proposal, which will now include some examples. Arlene and I will re-do it and bring it back next time.
4. We agreed to pay 150.00 in stipends for adjunct faculty to attend The Big Read training next week on the 13th. Reminder: SD is supporting The Big Read and is also sponsoring the spotlight on faculty series this year.
5. The Math Department thing...
Tram Vokumoto was our guest today and she brought the math dept. proposal for their annual conference. 11 members of the faculty want to attend the conference at 352.00 a piece, so the whole request is for over 3800.00. We acknowledge the discrepancy in fairness on this issue, but if we approve each faculty member individually, then we will have eaten up 38% of our budget on this request (we have roughly 10,000.00 left for the year). The committee believes that this is just too much to spend at this time.

We agreed to approve them for 1100.00, which is what we did last year.

Moreover, they should turn to BSI money to supplement the rest of their cost. They will need to submit their paperwork to the BSI committee with a connection to BSI goals.

We know this won't be popular with the math dept. We also encourage the math folks to do two more things:

- Get someone on the SD committee
- Apply for the funding in April or May for 2009 and if we have money left to spend, we can approve their request at that time.

That's all for now...

Rachel LePell

Core members: Lisa Carlsen, Arlene DeLeon, Dawn Girardelli, Ben Hollander, Carmen Johnston (Co-Chair), Angie Magallon, Gloria Meads, Rosie Mogle, TJ Puckett, George Railey, Nicole Scoles, Stephen Woodhams, Barbara Worthington (Co-Chair), and Rachel LePell