

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2013

I. Franz Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

II. Roll call:

Present: Stephen Brown, Mike Castellini, Cindy Fabbri, David Fazzino, Andrea Ferrante, Kelly Houlton, Eric Madsen, Trina Mamoon, Franz Meyer, Joy Morrison

Excused: Izetta Chambers, Amy Vinlove

III. Report from Joy

Joy called in from the Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) conference in Anchorage where their “K-21” focus is on all the newest uses for technology for teaching, in the classroom as well as for distance education. She reported that although the focus is primarily on K-12 teachers there are some UA faculty members and CDE staff present. UAF’s own CDE is presenting numerous sessions.

The faculty development for February (focus is on SFOS) is finishing up this Thursday with a presentation on best practices for online learning. Joy noted her appreciation for Mike’s active role in promoting and encouraging his faculty to attend OFD’s offered sessions. Mike noted that his estimate of SFOS faculty attendance is between 12 – 15% and asked how that compared to Joy’s statistics. Joy reported that compared to some other colleges, this was an impressive amount. She is collecting data on how this experiment of bringing faculty development straight to each college for a month is working. She will share her results with the committee so we can help determine if this approach is successful enough to continue next year. Franz asked how the email reminders were handled for SFOS this month. Joy explained that she and Mike shared the process since she must be sensitive regarding the number of emails the OFD sends out. Joy sends emails campus-wide whereas Mike was very active in sending out reminder to his faculty encouraging them to attend. Having support from college deans with regards to emailing faculty has been very helpful. Mike noted that SFOS is working on a survey to determine what would be a reasonable number of emails.

Planning

becoming department chairs, and focuses on managing challenging personalities in a leadership position. The session is titled “Mending the Cracks in the Ivory Tower”.

IV. Progress on analysis of electronic student evaluation options for UAF

Franz noted that the demos are continuing with good attendance from our committee and OIT. Sally Scrip from the Provost’s Office has also attended most of the demos, and we had one student attend a demo. The demos are pretty consistent but we have learned some interesting differences in the last week or so: some vendors offer a lot more statistical analysis and reporting capabilities, and some vendors offer a complete hybrid of electronic and paper-and-pencil evaluations simultaneously. The next demo is scheduled for this Friday, with the last demo slated for March 29.

The core committee members who have been attending each demo (Franz, Eric, Andrea, Kelly) are discussing how we will evaluate the process and write a recommendation/report for Faculty Senate. Eric has proposed that the core group work on the report rather than having the whole FDAI committee involved. We will share the report with the committee when it is finished. Eric reminded us that this is just the first

quickly explain their research and discover people they may collaborate with. Face-to-face meetings will also occur with researchers who are able to come in person. Joy has asked us to think about a new title that would better express the intent of the session.

VI. Other Business: Discussion on potential subscription to Faculty Development Resource “Magna Commons”

Joy explained that a one-year subscription allows all faculty access to Magna Commons’ archive of seminars and presentations. There are about 150 available to choose from with each lasting 60 to 90 minutes. She pointed out that if we started the subscription now, faculty could take advantage of the offerings over this summer. She also notes that there is money available for the subscription now whereas it may disappear by fall. Mike suggested that it could be promoted during the remainder of the OFD’s monthly faculty development presentations. Andrea asked if it was possible to try a free sample, and David noted that there is a 7-day trial offer on Magna Commons’ website. Joy also stated