

UAF Faculty Development, Assessment and Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2012

I. Josef Glowa called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

II. Roll call:

Present: Diane Erickson, Josef Glowa, Kelly Houlton, Duff Johnston, Julie Joly, Franz Meyer, Channon Price

Excused: Mike Castellini, Stephen Brown, Joy Morrison, Alexandra Oliveira

III. Report from Joy

Joy was unable to attend as she was not back on contract until Feb 1.

Travel proposals were due January 31 at 5:00 pm. Duff and CP volunteered to assist in evaluating the proposals on February 1 at 3:30 pm.

There is an upcoming seminar on Student Incivility, Bullying, and Aggression on Monday, February 6 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom. Dr. Claudia Lampman, Professor of Psychology, will present.

IV. Old Business

1. BOR Review

The BOR review by the Faculty Senate has concluded.

2. Faculty survey

The five question areas that our committee discussed at our last meeting are as follows:

1. What kinds of sessions do faculty want?
2. What kind of feedback is there on recent sessions?
3. How are faculty meeting their development needs?
4. Sessions on globalization – what do international faculty members need, and how can we be more aware of these needs and therefore more helpful?
5. What are the needs of more experienced faculty?

We discussed how we can advance this, and Josef will ask Melanie Arthur to join us for our next meeting to lend her expertise. It was pointed out that some new faculty members are not aware of the OFD and what services it provides. We decided to split our five question areas up amongst committee members to focus on in more depth.

Types of sessions/presentations were discussed and it was agreed that practical sessions vs “information dumps” are more attractive and helpful for faculty. We also discussed the possibility of encouraging and facilitating a bottom-up, grassroots approach by inviting current faculty members to present sessions in their area of expertise or have them share their viewpoints and techniques that they are using. These sessions could be limited to the professor’s department or opened up for all faculty members. What are the possibilities of having such sessions scheduled through, and sanctioned by, the OFD? There are small groups of faculty members meeting already.

Josef informed us that Dana Thomas indicated that the accreditation report suggests that we need a stronger focus on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment. A new Educational Effectiveness program should be implemented in the future. However, the draft motion submitted for discussion to the faculty senate states that the “data gathered and summarized as part of the educational effectiveness evaluation process shall not be used for evaluating individual faculty.”

V. Next Meeting (tentative): Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 8:15 – 9:15 am, Bunnell 222

Committee members are encouraged to utilize Google Calendar so convening our upcoming meetings will be more easily facilitated.

VI. Adjourned at 9:17 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Houlton.