Academy of Distinguished Teachers
Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2009
2:15-3:45 p.m.
ITV

Present: Paula O’Loughlin, Jon Anderson, Denny Falk, Jay Hatch, Karen Zentner Bacig, Jeremy Hernandez

Regrets: Dan Svedarsky, Phil Baird

Jim Rothenberger Memorial
February 12th, 3-5 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium, Twin Cities campus

May Retreat Planning Meeting Date – Revisited
The May retreat planning meeting will be held at St. Cloud State University either 5/20 or 5/27.

Discussion items from 1/30 Twin Cities Steering Committee meeting (Jay)
- Sunday, April 26th, pre-Awards ceremony gathering
  Intended purpose was to provide an informal opportunity for new ADT members to connect with current members, welcome them, etc.
  Given budget situation, TCSC understands and supports the need to hold off on this initiative this year. However, perhaps we could do something completely informal and requiring no money, such as meeting in the Radisson lounge.
  EC members agree. Support idea of informal opportunity to get together.

  ACTION: Karen and Jeremy will explore option at Radisson and draft communication for EC review.

Small grant program
TCSC also understands that current budget situation may warrant the suspension of the small grants program for this coming year, they feel this is an important ADT program and that long term they would like to see it continue. TCSC is not in favor of this program disappearing permanently.

This year, UTOP had two UMD people in fall. For spring there were three excellent proposals (one from each of the other campuses – Lisa Albrecht, Phil Baird, and Pieranna Garavaso) that were funded but this leaves $5,000 left over; this includes $1,000 for administrative costs.

Recently there was an announcement in the Brief.
**ACTION:** Denny will talk with Helen about running the program again for fall semester with the remaining money.

**UPDATE:** Denny and Helen will run another round of UTOP applications in fall 2009.

**Conference Update (Jeremy) – Monday, April 27th**
26 proposals received. Significantly lower than previous years (2007 received 75 proposals). The planning committee is currently reviewing proposals. Very few poster proposals received, so this part of the conference will not likely go forward. (Only received four) Could the poster part of the conference be opened up again and add the option of a “computer” poster presentation rather than a poster board? Or would reopening this again confuse people? Would we want to repeat any sessions? Could, during poster session, also have tables for ADT, CTL, DMC, and IDS to display materials.

Jeremy has received the key note speakers’s title.

Could have fewer concurrent sessions over a longer time frame (possible to cancel rooms at this point without penalty?). Fewer sessions allow people to go to more sessions.

**Current schedule:**
Key note – 8:30 a.m.
Poster session – 9:30-10:30
Guided Discussion – 10:30-11:30
Lunch
Workshops – 1-2:30

Consider starting later? Coming from the coordinate campuses would be easier if the conference started more like 9:30 a.m.

**ADT-sponsored forum re budget situation and impact on teaching**
Not necessarily during the conference. Could be a less-than-positive conversation and so we may not want to include during the conference, which we want to be positive.

Could do in coordination with the U’s legislative liaisons (Martin Sampson and Caroline Hayes).

Difficult thing to pull off. Most relevant while the Legislature is deliberating and yet we won't know what they plan to do until the deliberations are over.

Who is the internal audience? Provost? President? Others? Idea was a broad public forum to discuss ideas, concerns, etc. Need clarity about the forum’s purpose. We recognize there will be cuts but see a need for a voice for teaching.
Not clear how teaching will or will not be impacted? We don’t know how units will respond to the budget situation. What impact will there be on term faculty, work loads, etc.?

ADT’s role? Seems in line with mission.

**ACTION:** Paula will draft a proposal, share with EC, and then if we are moving forward, work to recruit faculty from all four campuses to participate in a forum on the Twin Cities campus. Jeremy will send Paula Steve Simmon’s contact information.

**Update re 2008 Fall Retreat Priorities**

Mental Health Syllabus Statement
- Can ask how many put the statement on their syllabi
- Can ask about members’ experiences with putting the statement on the syllabus
- Encourage people to continue to put statement on syllabus
- Keep it simple

Wiki for resources
Karen recently talked with Helen Mongan-Rallis about the use of a Wiki for ADT members and others to share resources about diversity-related topics.

**ACTION:** Karen will talk with someone in Rusty Barceló’s office (Equity and Diversity) about this idea, since this topic falls into OED’s portfolio.

Recruitment and Retention issues relative to diverse faculty
Vice Provost and Vice President Rusty Barceló, Vice Provost Arlene Carney, and Vice President Carol Carrier will join us for the March meeting to discuss the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty.

**Upcoming Meetings**
Monday, March 23, 2009, 2:30 p.m., ITV – UMD: 173 Kirby; UMM: HFA 7; UMC: 105 Kiehle; UMTC B1 Morrill Hall
Monday, April 20, 2009, 12:30-2 p.m., ITV – UMD: 173 Kirby; UMM: HFA Studio A; UMC: 101 Dowell; UMTC B1 Morrill Hall
Monday, May 11, 2009, 2:15-3:30 p.m., ITV – UMD: 173 Kirby; UMC: 105 Kiehle; UMM: HFA 7; UMTC B1 Morrill Hall

**NOTE:** Distinguished Teaching Awards Ceremony – Monday, April 27, 2009, 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center, Twin Cities Campus