Academy of Distinguished Teachers
Twin Cities Steering Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, October 30, 2008
238 Morrill Hall, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Present: Jay Hatch, Mike White, Ruth Lindquist, Jeremy Hernandez, Deborah Levison, Marshall Stern, Gary Gray, Karen Zentner Bacig

Regrets: Jim Rothenberger, Tom Molitor, Vern Cardwell

Approval of Minutes
The September minutes were approved, as is. Karen has asked to have them posted on the ADT web site.

2008-2009 ADT Faculty Gatherings – Guest Updates
President Bruininks and Senior Vice President Robert Jones are unable to join us this year. Provost Sullivan will be joining us in January.

ADT Retreat – Feedback
Jeremy shared three major themes from the final retreat session regarding possible action items for the ADT during 2008-2009:

• Implicit bias – recruitment and retention. Role for ADT.
• Resources re diverse learners
  o Pedagogical approaches
  o Mental Health syllabus statement
• Assessment resources
  o Case studies from departments re approaches to assessment

Jeremy is working on summarizing the evaluations from the retreat. A first pass at the evaluations reveals:
• Informal discussion and interaction a plus
• Opportunity to interact very positive
• Unique opportunity to come together to talk about teaching and learning and to learn from each other
• How to capitalize on the informal discussions and interaction within a more structured program?
  o How to encourage presenters/facilitators not to over prepare?
  o Focus on facilitating a discussion rather than “teaching” a session
• Administrator panel? Mixed reactions. How to include them? Those who stayed the whole time, participated, etc. were of most value. What is the best role for them, if we want them to have a role?
• Last session
  o Rushed
  o Needed clearer instructions re goal
• How could we use a wiki?
• For resources like the mental health syllabus statement

• Idea for future retreat
  o Wiki that would build throughout the weekend on various ideas, like interdisciplinarity

DO: Send additional feedback to Karen and Jay

April 2009 Teaching and Learning conference planning

Updates
• Save the date post card out; additional PR in the works
• Consider whether to tie reimbursement of hotel and mileage to whether participant is also presenting. Given the current budget situation, we need to explore with the conference planning committee and with the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, whether we can reimburse both hotel and mileage for coordinate campus participants.

Incenting interdisciplinary teaching
• See opportunity for ADT to have an impact
  ACTION: Karen find out what, if anything, is in interdisciplinary survey report/results re teaching
  ACTION: Karen find out focus of PEL project in CFANS
  • Issues to credit and distribution of tuition revenue are absolutely central
  • Could a two-page memo from the ADT TCSC spark a discussion?
  • Who do we need to talk to about what is happening or not happening now?
  ACTION: Karen will talk with Vicki Field and Shirley Nelson Garner to invite them to come to talk with the TCSC about this issue at our November meeting
  ACTION: Karen will talk with Barbara Brandt about coming to a future ADT gathering re what is happening in the AHC relative to interdisciplinarity

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
• Research about teaching is not recognized as scholarship in some disciplines
• Could be a “next step” from the white paper done a few years ago re teaching and hiring, promotion and tenure

Upcoming meetings:
November 20, 2008, 1-2:30 p.m., 238 Morrill Hall
December 18, 2008, 1-2:30 p.m., 238 Morrill Hall