The meeting convened at 2:30. In attendance: Deborah Albritton, committee chair, Dean Kathleen Hall, Doug Barnes, Kim Coale, Corine January, and Loletta Redmon

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF COMMITTEE

Mrs. Albritton first asked Dean Hall to review the specific duties and objectives of this committee. Dean Hall explained that the committee should plan and organize about 4-5 faculty professional development activities or sessions per the school year. We should consider the faculty’s needs for professional development and their suggestions. She suggested we consider a theme for next year’s activities. It was suggested that we plan an activity for October and November.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Next, ideas for this year’s professional development were discussed. Some members have asked for input from colleagues, but have not received feedback as of yet. Mrs. Albritton mentioned that her Division had discussed a need for training on creative and critical thinking activities to incorporate into the classroom. Ms. Redmon asked if we could have training in using the Smart Classroom available in the library. Dean Hall asked if there was a possibility for an activity related to Health Care about how faculty could recognize symptoms in students of various abuse problems, ranging from drugs to emotional and physical.

Ms. Redmon and Ms. January agreed to approach possible speakers or moderators for this session, which was scheduled for October 26 from 1-3 PM via telecom. While discussing this, Dean Hall reminded us that we should maintain sign in and evaluation sheets for each activity and explained that this would be important documentation for the upcoming SACS review.

Ms. Coale and Ms. Albritton agreed to discuss the Smart Board Classroom training with Mr. Faust and Mr. Hardy for scheduling during the Nov. ACA week. It was also suggested that we see if Mr. Hardy had any other training he might like to also offer that week. Mrs. Albritton mentioned that he might like to offer a training session on the SynchronEyes program.

It was suggested that we ask the Division chairs to poll their divisions for suggestions for planning the Spring term professional development activities.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Oct. 2 at 1:30 via telecom.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.