FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 2, 2006  Time: 1:30 PM  Place: via Telecom

The meeting convened at 1:35. In attendance: Deborah Albritton, committee chair, Dean Kathleen Hall, Kim Coale, Corine January, and Lavon Smith

Plans for the October 26 Professional Development session were discussed. Making final contact with Wanda Fowler from Penelope House was arranged. Corine January offered to contact her, and if she is unable to reach her, Deborah Albritton agreed to contact her to finalize the plans. Loletta Redmon has arranged for a speaker, Robert Brewer, to also come and be part of the presentation. Plans were made to notify faculty and staff of the session.

The November Training session on the Smart Classroom was discussed next. Mr. Anthony Hardy and Mr. Jeffrey Faust have agreed to present this training in the Brewton Library Multimedia room, probably on Nov. 20th.

Next, discussion of ideas for the remaining Professional Development sessions began. A request for a workshop on tech/cyber cheating was discussed, and this will be scheduled in February. Mr. Anthony Hardy has agreed to conduct this session.

Tentative plans were outlined to plan a session in March about creative/critical thinking activities in the classroom. A round table, discussion type format was proposed, which would be held on each campus at different times, possibly with some demonstrations of some of the activities.

Suggestions for April were discussed, with the most promising one being something about spring health tips, including handling spread of colds, etc. and dealing with stress through awareness, diet, and exercise. It was suggested that maybe Ms. Nims and/or Mr. Blevins could help us with this.

Plans were made to schedule the next committee meeting in late January to finalize the spring sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM