FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 29, 2007          Time: 1:00 PM           Place: via Telecom

The meeting convened at 1:02. In attendance: Deborah Albritton, committee chair, Doug Barnes, Kim Coale, Corine January, and Loletta Redmon

Plans for the February 15 Professional Development Session were discussed and finalized for:
Electronic Cheating: a Refresher, presented by Anthony Hardy at 1:30 via telecom

Next, plans for March and April sessions were discussed. It was decided that presenting a session on handling stress at work would be scheduled for March. The date would be determined based on the presenters’ availability. Mr. Barnes suggested we talk to Misti Nims about helping us with this. Retired health teacher Karen Reynolds was also suggested as a possible presenter. Ms. Coale offered to contact Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Albritton offered to speak to Ms. Nims. The date for this would be calendared after the presenters were finalized. A request for library training was discussed, and it was suggested that we see who might be interested and offer this in May, if there is enough interest, during the week after graduation. Mrs. Albritton offered to ask Mr. Faust if he would help us with this.

For the April session, there was discussion about two possible sessions. Ms. Redmon and Ms. Stone are going to a conference in Feb. about Student Motivation, and Dean Hall had asked them to present information from this as a Professional Development Session. Ms. Redmon offered to discuss this with Ms. Stone as a possible presentation in April. Calendar dates were discussed, but no date was chosen yet. As an alternative, Mrs. Albritton explained the coming requirements for an SLO related to Writing Across the Curriculum and that the English Department would be willing to present a session on this in April if necessary.

Ideas for next year’s sessions were discussed, such as 1 or 2 online sessions a year if funding were available, “Brown Bag” informal idea sharing sessions, and Book Studies. It was decided that a brief email survey would be sent out to all faculty and staff to get their feedback on these ideas.

Plans were made to schedule the next committee meeting on May 10th at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM