

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Professional Development Committee

Thursday, September 23, 2010

3:00p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Present: Nancy Hanson, Tiffany Inabu, Patricia Burson, Steve Hunt, Varerie Narey, Judy Neveau, Sandy Chung, Jessica Plotner, Kiersten Elliott, Monica LaBenda

**Professional Development
Committee**

**Nancy Hanson, Chair x3502
Kiersten Elliott x4173**

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Steve Hunt, x4691
Valerie Narey x4430
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Student Members

Tiffany Inabu x4251

1. The budget was discussed. There have been many requests for conference funding, and we may expend all allotted funds by the end of fall semester. Dr. Tsang agreed to supply funds for the spring institutional day.

2. Monica spoke about a proposal to centralize training and have a central calendar for training. Under this proposal, there will be six training tracts (e.g. leadership, technology, etc.) There will be a needs assessment to determine what type of training the constituent group that feel they need. She noted that there are free training opportunities available to the campus through some of our vendors (such as health care providers) that can be tapped. She will involve all constituencies in this effort to increase the buy in and the appropriateness of the training offered.

3 ..Nancy and Kiersten met with Dr. Tsang and Eric Oifer regarding the spring flex day. Dr. Tsang wants the event to be actionable and inspiring to the participants. Eric suggested that the morning session feature a panel of instructors who have successfully incorporated the food theme into their curriculum. It was also suggested that there be a fundraiser for Nutrition Education International (NEI) group whose mission is to increase the protein levels in the diets of the Afghans, especially women and children. Dr. Steven Kwon is the founder of this organization, and is a food scientist who is working with the Afghan people to introduce soy as a source of protein into their diet and into their agriculture.

4. Other flex day possibilities included:

Distance education training by Jeff Bordon (an e-College trainer, and international speaker). Perhaps Cynthia Gonzales, a nutrition instructor who teaches mainly via distance education could incorporate the food theme and distance education into a presentation or panel

Recipe contest

Cookoff

SMC Cookbook (as a possible fundraiser for NEI)

Food journeys (how DID that banana get to your store?)

5. Ann Carroll submitted an idea for the Food Network show, Dinner Impossible to come to SMC to prepare the flex day lunch. Nancy will speak to Ann about this to find out more information.

6. Linda Sinclair would like to do a workshop on the signs and symptoms of PTSD. She would also discuss the fact that we have an ever increasing number of vets on campus, and what we can do to best support them.

7. Nancy will reach out to the Senate Committees to see if they would like to do breakout sessions.