

## Faculty Development Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: July 24, 2025

Location: Zoom

In attendance: Dr. Allison Venuto, Cathleen Akers, Dr. Meena Beri, Taylor Erhart, Thomas Erhart, Bonnie Ford, Umair Hayat, Dawn Headrick, Linda Kapocsi, Lisa Kirby, Dr. Patrick Lewis, Kristie Lussier, Dr. Sahalie Michell, and Russell Smith

### Agenda and Discussion:

- Welcome from Dr. Allison Venuto
- Introductions from new members
- Observation Connections: Group members watch each other teach and trade out visiting classrooms.
  - Meena reported that she was in a group of three faculty who visited each other's classrooms.
- Communities of Practice: Groups of faculty who get together related to various topics and sharing on those topics
- Faculty Reading Groups: Group meet weekly to discuss reading observations
  - Meena shared that this has been a great experience. In the reading group, they discussed ideas and implementation
  - Lisa shared she enjoyed the reading group as well.
  - Allison asked for title ideas for recommended books with a broad appeal such as rubrics and assessments.
  - Kristie Lussier recommended Mike Rose's *Lives on the Boundary* as a book selection.
  - Lisa Kirby recommended, and Cathleen Akers seconded, James Lang's *Distracted: Why Students Can't Focus and What You Can Do About It*
  - Community Reading Groups—about 20-25 faculty participated
- Fall Spotlight Lunches—faculty-led with a 15-minute spotlight on pedagogy with a 15-minute Q & A
  - Allison asked for volunteers
  - Meena Beri, along with Melissa Johnson, volunteered to talk about Genially.

- Fall Faculty Development Day
  - McKinney Campus Conference Center, lunch, and breakout sessions set; agenda went out
  - DoS added to agenda (Terrance Brennan and Carrie Dippel)
  - eLC, Colleague Connections, and COAT will have rooms.
  - Patrick discussed his panel plans.
  - FDAC members need to arrive by 8am, if possible. Please pick up a lanyard as a volunteer and return it at the day's end.
  - Help is needed with directing foot traffic to the Health Sciences Center. Please let Allison know if you can help in this way.
  - QR codes will be used for sign-ins and for the agenda.
  - Dawn Headrick reported on the vendor tables. There are currently six confirmed.
  - The Faculty Development Conference walk-through is next week to go over logistics. Join if desired.

Adjourned: 3: 53pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Kapocsi and Sahalie Mitchell.