

Faculty Development Advisory Committee

Aug. 7th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Allison Venuto, Dr. Sahalie Mitchell, Dr. Patrick Lewis, Russell Smith, Thomas Ehrhart, JD, Bonnie Ford, Dawn Headrick, Deidra Carpenter, Dr. John Hoenig, Kimberly Gentry, Kristie Lussier, Linda Kapocsi, Dr. Meenakshi Beri, Megan Yareoiutepiy, Dr. Michael Latham, Taylor Ehrhart, Tiffany Krueger, and Umair Hayat

Welcome from Dr. Allison Venuto

Updates:

1. Meeting opens with a brief introduction from new and returning committee members
2. Sahalie Mitchell enquires about the use of Microsoft Forms to survey faculty members who attend the Faculty Development Conference next week- whether we want to run another survey and if so, what questions we should ask? Questions posed:
 - a. What else do you want from Professional Development this Year? (Open-ended answers)
 - b. Do you feel that this type of Professional Development is useful to you as an educator? (yes, no)
 - c. Which sessions type did you find most useful? (Rank session types) (panels, roundtable, short format, long format?)
3. Patrick Lewis- asked for someone else to step in and moderate at the FDAC- Megan Yareoiutepiy offered to do the moderation for Patrick next week
4. Faculty Development Conference Details
 - a. Allison goes over Run of Show briefly
 - b. Training and Development, Catering arrive around 7:30am
 - c. FDAC members asked to arrive around 8am/8:15am – for help welcoming and signing in
 - d. We are not printing agendas but using QR codes instead
 - e. Reminder will be sent about agenda
 - f. 8:30am- Mark Smith, Provost of McKinney will do a short welcome
 - i. Allison Venuto will do a brief introduction and turn it over to the panel
 - g. Panel will have chairs and microphones

- h. Questions will be taken from the audience
- i. Next Speaker starts at 10am
- j. 11:00am Next set of speakers
- k. Lunch after with walls descending
 - i. FDAC ensure that there is no-one there
- l. Microsoft Form / QR code – Sahalie Mitchell
- m. Breakout sessions after lunch / members distribute themselves around the lobby to help direct people to get to the Health Sciences building
- n. Abernathy overflow for the morning
- o. eLC and COAT available throughout the day for questions
- p. Michael Latham running a round table and discussion topics
 - i. Suggestion offered: pedagogy difficulties related to different modalities mentioned
- q. Breakout sessions repeated
- r. Everyone dismissed at 2:30pm
 - i. Please make sure to return the volunteer lanyards
- s. Question posed: If audio is not working in classrooms, is IT going to be around?
 - i. Allison says yes, IT is booked for the whole day and will direct them to a specific problem room
 - ii. Allison will follow-up with IT on the specific room mentioned
- 5. Determination of Fall Meeting Times- options offered were Fridays at noon, or Friday at 3pm, over Zoom
 - a. Most members state Friday works- Allison said she will put some meetings on our calendars
 - b. States that we will do a monthly meeting and then we will do more frequent meetings as we get closer to the Faculty Development Conference
- 6. Topic: Allison asks for book titles for the Faculty Reading groups that were started in the Spring
 - a. Meenakshi Beri describes the reading groups- weekly Zoom meeting and reading a few chapters a week and final survey with reflections on what was learned
 - b. We will run more reading groups in the Fall – science of learning book, and we're looking for another book/must be applicable across multiple disciplines
 - c. Now open to Full time faculty, part time faculty, and staff- positive feedback received
 - i. Recommendations provided in the chat:

- a. Man, Play & Games by Roger Caillois
 - b. The Outward Mindset by Arbing Institute
 - c. Hidden Potential by Adam Grant
 - d. Opposite of Cheating (Teaching, Engaging, and Thriving in Higher Ed)
- 7. Inquiries about whether there's anything additional new members need to do to catch up before the conference?
 - a. Allison says to just familiarize themselves with the Run of Show and to show up day of the conference early
- 8. Allison ends meeting- tells committee members to check e-mail in case she reaches out about last minute support

Meeting ended at: 3:38pm

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Sahalie Mitchell, Linda Kapocsi, and Dr. Allison Venuto