

DCEC Meeting  
September 15, 2009  
1:30 pm, Room 221

Present:

Gail Boldt, Susan Faircloth, Carol Fantaskey, Anna Fernandez, Jane Harstad, Richard Hazler, Darla Homan, Charleon Jeffries, SuYoung Kang, Hollie Mackey, Andrea McCloskey, Elizabeth Park, Corey Simmons, Jeanine Staples

Welcome:

Gail opened the meeting by welcoming old and new members.

Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting were read, Darla moved for acceptance, and they were approved.

Annual Report:

Gail distributed draft copies of the 2008-2009 annual report for discussion and approval. The Dean will use parts of our submission for his report to the strategic committee on diversity. Subcommittees will meet today, review the draft and send comments to Gail for inclusion. Gail will make changes in the first bullet point as discussed by members, and with subcommittee comments, will send it to Dean Monk.

Subcommittee Reports:

*LGBT:* Darla reported on staff LGBT training: Allison presented two powerful sessions, and evaluation forms that came back to Darla were positive, asking for more training. Allison indicated an interest in returning for another session and the possibility of doing a session on transgender issues.

*Resources:* In addition to the resource lists compiled for last year's Year-Long Theme, and similar work this year in collaboration with the Theme committee, Richard discussed the possibility of posting a series of reviews on the electronic signage that would include title, medium, author, and a recommendation from a subcommittee member. Topics for attention this year also include identifying space for a resources collection that would complement that in Maria's office.

*Website:* Gail proposed tabling the website discussion; the subcommittee has a successful design and structure and wants to demonstrate it to the committee at the next meeting, where recommendations will be accepted. The subcommittee will be dissolved and Gail and Sharon will share the task of maintaining the site in future.

Old Business:

*Meeting with Dean Monk:* Gail reported a very positive meeting, which was also attended by Charleon, Anna, and Elizabeth. The Dean approved our budget for the year, and stressed the importance of our collaborative work with the steering committee and task

forces this year. Charleon added that a summary of DCEC input will be included in the upcoming five-year report.

*Undergraduate membership:* tabled

New Business:

*2009 – 2010 membership:* Kathleen Collins will join us later in the year. Gail raised the issue of representation from different departments, saying that she will follow up on an expression of interest from Advising.

*Theme Discussion:* Susan will be the contact for interest and information in connection with the Year-Long Theme. The group discussed whether the identification of a theme is the best way to go or whether there should be the development of principles, or some combination of the two in order to work at both a general and a specific level. The theme subcommittee will take this up.

*Community Enhancement:* This group requires more balanced representation from faculty, staff and students in the coming year. There was further discussion of possible contacts with departmental level committees.

*Discussion and formation of subcommittees:*

- *Community Enhancement* – Hollie, Darla, Andrea, Charleon, Anna, and Carol will be members of this subcommittee
- *Resources* – Richard, Elizabeth, Barb, and Maria
- *Theme* -- Susan, Jane, Jeanine and Gail
- Gail will send general email, asking interested people to contact Susan about the Theme committee, Charleon for Enhancement, and Elizabeth for Resources.
- Subcommittees will meet before next meeting