Faculty Development Committee Meeting Minutes November 12, 2012

Present:

- Alice Dean (Chair)
- Bill Tomlinson (Sponsored Research Officer)
- Mao Chen (Faculty Representative)
- Jim Kennelly (Faculty Representative)
- Flagg Taylor (Faculty Representative)
- 1. The minutes of the October 29, 2012 meeting were approved.
- 2. The candidate for the International Faculty Development Seminar grant accepted.
- 3. Moseley Lecture: 2 candidates declined the nomination and 3 accepted the nomination. Materials from the candidates will be due on December 21. The committee will begin reading the materials over winter break and make its decision early in the spring semester.
- 4. An FDC member met with one of the candidates for the VPAA/DOF position.
- 5. FDC considered an FDC grant applicant who wanted to use the funds to pay an independent researcher to analyze data, but the applicant wanted to use the services of the researcher for a period beyond that of the grant period. FDC is considering several questions here. First, does the project have a scholarly outcome? Second, does the clause in the guidelines precluding funds being used for "compensation" preclude funds from going to the researcher? FDC will return to this item next meeting.
- 6. FDC decided to make the same Budget Initiative Request as last year (requesting an increase in sabbatical support funds and in travel to read and represent funds).
- 7. FDC discussed the 4 nominees for the Distinguished Faculty Service Award and decided to give the award to Professor Mary Lynn. FDC also discussed the requirement that nominees submit letters on their own behalf and concluded that this seemed not in keeping with the general spirit of the award. The Committee will review and revise the internal handbook guidelines to omit the statement about service. FDC will still require nominees to submit their CVs and record of service to the committee. FDC also considered whether nominees who are not selected for the award ought to be automatically considered as nominees for the following year. The committee, while attracted to the idea of keeping the workload of the nominees down, worries that this might unduly influence the deliberations of a newly constituted committee in the following year. Thus the committee thinks it more prudent to just encourage those who nominated these candidates to do so again.
- 8. FDC made 4 queries to applicants for FDGs and received responses from all 4 applicants. The committee was satisfied with the response in each case and will approve all 4 grants.