

Faculty Development Committee

Meeting #7, Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 3:45 pm

Present:

- Rachel Roe-Dale, Mathematics (Chair)
- Greg Pfitzer, American Studies (Faculty Representative)
- Aiwu Zhao, Management and Business (Faculty Representative)
- William Tomlinson (Sponsored Research Officer)
- Crystal Moore (Associate Dean of the Faculty)

- 1) FDC approved the minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting.
- 2) The Committee received an update from the Chair regarding the Service Award nominees. The award winner will be announced at the December 2, 2016 faculty meeting.
- 3) FDC discussed the upcoming sabbatical schedule through the 2018-2019 academic year. Due to an unusually large number of faculty eligible for sabbatical over the next few years, FDC plans to request additional funds through the “new initiative” line to cover the likely increase in enhancement requests.
- 4) FDC discussed and endorsed a proposal put forth jointly by the Office of Special Programs and the Center for Leadership, Teaching and Learning for partnerships that will connect residency programs already under the purview of ODSP with new residency opportunities centered in academic departments. The Chair will convey to the appropriate parties the details of a conversation FDC members had about FDC’s role in the formation and implementation of these residencies.
- 5) The Committee considered the list of Faculty Commencement Speaker nominees submitted by senior class president, Madison Plummer, and made suggestions to the Associate Dean of the Faculty regarding how to proceed with the nomination process.
- 6) The Associate Dean of the Faculty described two potential faculty development opportunities that Skidmore is investigating, the first intended to increase faculty involvement in approved programs off campus and the second to aid faculty in finding a balance between personal and professional life. The Sponsored Research Officer also discussed potential funding options for student summer research.
- 7) The Committee reviewed the meeting schedule for the upcoming semester.
- 8) The next scheduled committee meeting is Tuesday, January 24.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Pfitzer