

Faculty Council

School of Public Health and Health Professions

Meeting Minutes – March 5th, 2010

Present: Marc Kivinemi, Jenn Temple, Carole Rudra, Steve Bauer, Harold Burton, Jim Lenker, Scott White, and Albert Vexler.

Meeting began: 11:00 AM

Meeting adjourned: 12:05 AM

I. Teaching Forum Discussion

- a. Summary (Jim): It was well-attended (Marc estimated that about 30% of SPHHP was there). There were a good number of people from RS, ENS, and Health Behavior, but no one from SPM or Biostatistics. The positive things mentioned were that people seemed to like it and report finding it useful and that Dean Kozlowski values effective classroom teaching, so it was important to have. There were some complaints that it went over time (by almost 30 minutes).
- b. There was agreement that it would be good to know why we had such poor attendance from some Departments. Harold suggested that encouragement to come needed to come from the Department Chairs and that some probably stressed it more than others.
- c. Steve suggested that we should track participation in these events as well as to find out why people come or don't come for our own use as well as for accreditation purposes.
- d. Jim offered to take the lead on developing a survey for the teaching forum with the following questions:
 - i. Did you attend the Teaching Forum?
 - ii. If "Yes", what did you like and dislike about it.
 - iii. If "No", why not?
 - iv. What would you like for topics of future forums?
- e. Jim also proposed that we could have another forum related to teaching effectiveness where an individual from each Department discusses novel teaching strategies and approaches that they have used or are using in the classroom.

II. Ideas for Other Forum Topics

- a. Mentoring
 - i. Student writing
 - ii. Incentives for putting students on manuscripts
 - iii. Possible mentoring awards
- b. Best Practices for Teaching

- c. Grants Management
- d. Have P.I.s stand at a table and meet people to find out about their research.

III. Coffee Social

- a. March 26th seems to be the date
- b. Harold talked about how it is important to talk about what the faculty council is and what we do.
- c. We revisited ways to make the socials more fun/interesting
 - i. Short research talks
 - ii. Short hobby talks
 - iii. Inviting outside speakers to come
- d. We agreed to continue to brainstorm these ideas

IV. Faculty Council Leadership

- a. Our last scheduled meeting is next month
- b. Need to talk about leadership transitions