ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 18, 2014

Call to Order: 2:05 pm

In attendance: Bob Engvall, Steve Esons, Kamille Gentles-Peart, Adria Updike, Ferd Scroth, Gokhan Celik

Excellence in Teaching Award

- The Senate voted against the FDC’s proposed revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award, and so the Committee made plans to execute the existing award.
- Deadline for the call for nominations will be April 3. Nominees will be contacted to confirm their acceptance, and subsequently, a call for support letters will be disseminated (deadline April 24). The Committee will meet on April 29 to deliberate.

Faculty Learning Community Program

- The Chair reminded/update the Committee that the FDC will not be overseeing the FLC Program after the 2013/2014 academic year. The Provost is in the process of hiring an administrator who will assume the position of the Director of a Teaching and Learning Center. The FLC Program will fall under his/her purview. The FDC may expand its charge and serve as an advisory committee for the Director, but will not directly oversee the FLC Program after the Spring 2014 semester. (This is detailed in the minutes of the November meeting of the FDC, which are available on the Senate website.) Furthermore, the facilitators decided that there will not be a program coordinator for the FLC Program. The facilitators for each year will oversee/manage themselves (within the outlined guidelines). Therefore, the role of the FDC in the FLC was diminished this semester in preparation for the transition to the new structure of a Director and a self-governing body of facilitators.
- The one aspect of the program that the FDC will oversee this semester is the selection of the FLC that will be offered in the 2014/2015 academic year. The existing three FLCs (Community Engagement, New Faculty, and Quantitative Teaching) will continue for another year (with new leadership), and the Provost will fund a fourth.
- A call for the fourth FLC will be disseminated by the Committee. Should there be multiple proposals, the Committee is considering a survey of the entire faculty to decide which will be offered.
- The Committee discussed the issue of who will decide which FLCs will be offered each year: Will it/should it be the Director of the Teaching and Learning Center (who is to be installed) or the faculty? How will this decision be made? The Committee agreed that this process should be codified so that it remains under the purview of the faculty.

Adjourned: 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kamille Gentles-Peart, Chair
Faculty Development Committee of the Senate