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Council for Faculty Development
November 20, 2013
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Present: Robert Pervine, Chair; Daniel Hepworth, Ricky Cox, Adam Murray, Patricia Oakley, Lynn Patterson, Kathleen Farrell, Sue Sroda, Leigh Johnson, Dan Lavit, John Roark, Hal Rice

Absent: Peg Pittman-Munke, Juyoung Song, Dave Eaton, Ryan Morrow, Luis Canales

The Council for Faculty Development met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, with the following items to be discussed:

- Definition of professional development on campus
- Modules for increased participation of existing programs
- Networks between colleges/schools
- Models at other institutions [ITV, online quality, flipped classroom}
- Increased International component in reaching students

Other discussion items:

- Turn It In Contract – decision to continue contract / faculty input
- Collaborate Software License – Usage has exceeded contract – Testing of Canvas/BBB option – spring 2014 / faculty like options provided by Collaborate
- Greater utilization of MSU iTunesU account for academics
- University spends over $287,000 in academic licenses – reduce if no impact on the classroom

Council members narrowed the focus of need to teaching and learning; leaning to creation of new program rather than duplication of current efforts. Hal Rice will investigate the availability of nationally recognized series speakers. Benefits may include: collegiality, synergistic gathering of faculty to present initiatives; balancing of quality with push for increased enrollment.

Benefits of structuring development opportunities:

- Add formality with emphasis placed by deans to increase effectiveness
- More visibility of and emphasis of professional development expectations
- Use of teaching and learning best practices – use of training modules to introduce recognition by faculty
- Workshops leading to discussion areas and one on one conversations leading to differentiated learning / instructional design

Two articles were shared on Canvas with members as reference:

Berrett, Dan, Views Diverge Sharply on Whether Learning Centers Improve Teaching, The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 11, 2013.

Dahlstrom, Eden, Walker, J.D., Dziuban, Charles, ECAR Study of Undergraduate Students and Information Technology, EDUCAUSE Center for Analysis and Research, September 2013.