

Minutes
Center for Excellence Advisory Board
March 31, 2011

Present: Kathleen Thatcher, Judith Kirk, Kelsey Deus, Jerry Nelson, Dave Mondel, Joanna Anderson, David Seimens, Ebba Stedille, David Lundahl, Dana Van Burgh, Todd Cotton, Mike Olson and Laurie Lye

Laurie distributed a brief agenda and introduced new Advisory Board members, Kelsey Deus and David Lundahl. Laurie projected the web page to show the members the new tabs on the Center for Excellence web page which describe the new initiatives, "AdjunctSuccess.net", "CCOHC" (Casper College Oral History Cooperative) and the "New Faculty 101" series. Laurie explained that 12 adjunct faculty had signed up to participate in the AdjunctSuccess.net program which offered them access to webinars and resources relevant to adjunct teaching. This program was very self-driven and the adjuncts will be asked to evaluate the experience and make suggestions for future adjunct support.

Laurie also described the rationale behind creating the Oral History Cooperative and noted that for those who want more information, the action plan can be found on the C for E web pages. Todd Cotton will be mounting the oral history video recording of Jean Tichenor, taken by Mike Olson last September.

The New Faculty 101 series was discussed as well. These sessions, designed to support activities by the Mentoring committee, will conclude on May 6th. Fifteen sessions will have been presented by that time. Casper College's new faculty members will then be surveyed to determine the effectiveness of the program and suggestions for improvement will be welcome and incorporated into next fall's program.

Program assessment was next on the agenda and Laurie shared that surveys sent to participants indicated significant growth from the spring 2010 semester through the fall 2010 semester. Most sessions are evaluated via the confidential "survey monkey" document which Kathleen gathers and organizes the feedback from. This is then shared with the presenters and their supervisors. This helps to improve and shape future programming. The survey data showing growth in 2010 can be found at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Simone submitted a proposal to share information at the American Association of Community Colleges in New Orleans in April on the Center for Excellence. This proposal was accepted and Laurie told the board that Dr. Nolte, Dr. Simone, Kathleen Thatcher and she would participate in a panel presentation called: "Center for Excellence: An Initiative for the Whole Campus".

Ebba reported on activities of the “Learning Communities” committee. She plans around 6 opportunities this spring semester which will be held in the C for E for faculty to gather and form relationships to support this teaching style.

Laurie asked for suggestions on programming topics for Administrative personnel and it was suggested another book discussion group might be welcome.

There was no old or new business and the meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Laurie Lye

	Employees served (unduplicated)	Number of Sessions	Total attendance (duplicated)	Session Topics
January - June 2010	180	51	320	32
June -December 2010	248	88	655	67

