

Professional Development Committee Update

The professional development committee had its final meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 11th.

The meeting determined that research still needs to conclude in regards to the number of administrative, faculty, classified, and student representatives in order to finalize and resubmit the committee charge to Academic Senate and College Council. Administrative co-chair Rebecca Farley is reviewing past committee charges to determine those numbers and will initiate a revised charge at the start of the 2023-2024 Academic year.

The committee postponed a vote on a revision to the PDC Scholarship Form as we continue to wait on responses from the Vice President's office regarding the PDC budget and adjunct eligibility for those funds. The committee also needs to revise the newly posted per diem rates on the form as well. These changes should (I hope) be finalized and posted on the PDC website before the end of this semester.

Additionally, the PDC has proposed a multitude of ideas on how to increase FLEX offerings (type, number, modality, etc.) in the future. Related to that is the potential for more frequent Professional Development opportunities in the form of brown bag lunch meetings throughout the semester to create collegiality and focus on on-time needs for faculty, classified, and administrative staff. Again, the committee's ability to offer these types of additional activities depends upon the budget dedicated to professional development, which is unknown. Our request to the Vice President's office regarding this information is pending.

Finally, the committee discussed a desire to be more involved in Program Review and its relation to Professional Development.