

Academic Senate Reports

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AS Committee – Faculty Professional Dev. – Karen Hern

- Faculty Professional Development Committee is an Academic Senate-appointed committee that addresses all issues concerning faculty professional development.

It plans, approves, implements, and evaluates flex week, oversees professional development activities during the academic year, authorizes and approves available funds committed to faculty professional development, and submits appropriate reports, such as needs assessments and activity evaluations, to district and state entities.

We meet the second Thursday of each month from 3:30p – 5:00p. (Meetings are currently conducted via Zoom.)

FLEX week for fall 2021 had more than twenty proposals submitted. There were first 16-17 offered during FLEX week and an additional 4 – 5 are being offered mid-semester.

A few topics covered included: diversity, equity, and inclusion, engaging with students online, connecting to students when returning to campus, understanding the curriculum review process, using Nuventive (formerly TracDat), and student resource awareness and utilization.

At this time, the committee has the following known vacancies:

ALC – Arts, Languages, and Communication

AHN – Allied Health and Nursing

MNSESU – Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Exercise Science & Wellness

We are currently in the process of completing website training so that a website for FPDC can be implemented and active by Spring 2022 semester.

We welcome suggestions for improvement and encourage the submission of proposals for future professional development opportunities.

Please feel free to let me know if you want this changed or would like me to include any additional information.