

**Professional Development Committee Meeting – July 26, 2000**

2455 North Star Road

Columbus, OH 43221

10am-2pm

**Present Co-Chair(s):** Martha Garland

**Members Present:** Larry Fruth, Joffrey Jones, Bonnie Kroeger, Harry Searles, Zana Vincent, Kathy Wright

**Absent:** Greg Bernhardt, Tim Best, Jeff Gordon, Hans Houshower, Terry McCollum, Len Simutis, Jon Tafel, Ray Timlin

**OLN Staff:** Kate Carey, Sheryl Hansen, Barbara Henry, George Steele, Deb Volzer, Ayanna Ragin

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am.

**Housekeeping**

**Minutes -** May 31<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved.

**Program Coordinator Position** – The committee received an update, hiring decisions will be made by mid-August.

**Committee Member Roster** – The roster was circulated during the meeting for corrections.

**Meeting format, etc.** – new format ideas are as follows:

- List of meeting objectives/goals distributed to members, prior to the meeting
- Meeting evaluation, to be completed after each meeting
- Members to receive agenda three days prior to next meeting

**Assignments:** Committee members will bring meeting format suggestions for discussion at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Update: OLN Activities**

**July 11 Governing Board Meeting Update**

- approved - FY '01 Budget
- approved - \$1.2 million in PD Ohio's Teaching Faculty Grants 2000
  - approved - new grant guidelines language that requires PI's to be an Ohio university faculty/employee
- policy issues discussed:
  - articulation
  - post-secondary enrollment options
  - commercial content
    - approved its inclusion in the catalog for credit/non-credit courses

**Committee Updates**

Student Services Task Force- expected to report recommendations concerning a number of issues, including a common application, to the Governing Board in December.

OLI Conference- will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Look to the website soon for registration.

*Assignment:* Sheryl will send the conference site to the committee.

Degree Completion- Committee is pursuing a statewide Blackboard License, 24/7 Blackboard and WebCT support, catalog revisions, rewriting of its website, and the hiring of new NE and SW region distance learning specialists.

### **Other Updates**

Engineering Deans Meeting- OLN brought the deans of Ohio's 2yr, 4yr, public, And private colleges together in order to determine how \$2 million of OBR funds would be used to stimulate online/at-a-distance engineering degrees.

State Fair- OLN will have a booth in the Merchant Building for the duration of the Fair. Would you like to volunteer? Volunteers can bring their constituency's materials as well, to advertise. Critical days, staffing needed: August 8, 10, 15

Radio Ads- OLN has purchased (and is running) drive time radio ads. Student contacts have increased as a result.

OLN Research Program in Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning- In FY01, \$500,000 is available to support collaborative/individual research projects by Ohio's public/private, 2yr, and 4yr college faculty. Projects will explore the effectiveness of teaching and learning using new technologies.

*Assignment:* Send Sheryl key research questions to consider.

### **Professional Development Activities for Upcoming Year**

**Overview-** See the "Professional Development" chart in the meeting materials. Items in blue will be the focus this year. The Committee agreed that the Faculty PD Network was the first priority.

**Web Site Preview-** The PD section of our web site will contain the following sections:

- Higher Education Faculty
- PK-16 Educators
- Business & Industry
- OhioLEARNS! course catalog
- Calendar of Events – info database supplied by the pdone.org web site

Each of the above sections, excluding OhioLEARNS! and the Calendar of Events, will have Content & Organization, Resource, and Grant subcategories, which will include definition rollovers. The Committee agreed we should formulate criteria for selection of the top 15-20 for each resources subcategory.

### **Venture Fund- Discussion**

\$2 million will probably be available for PD projects, including contract work, and both collaborative and competitive grants. The Committee recommended that venture funds

be directed to the following project areas, in rank order. The Committee also made suggestions in several potential project areas:

1. Faculty PD Network
  - will help OLN further identify and solidify PD needs across the state
  - can provide an advising group that is aware of the incentives necessary to attract OLN Fellows
2. OLN Fellows
  - to represent OLN's philosophies, create excitement and contribute ideas and papers
  - should not exclude non-faculty individuals
    - one university faculty member and a non-university representative would make a great pair
  - generated ideas-
    - can the institutions loan individuals (loaned executives) out and OLN subsidize the activity rather than the individual? The institution would be recognized.
3. Courseware Support for Faculty
4. Developing Video/Digital Library Resources
5. Partnerships for course, resource development
6. On-line Entry Year Support
7. Three Baldrige for Education Courses
8. Early childhood/Emergent Literacy Tech PD
  - This area must be explored further, perhaps next year
  - Three areas to be addressed in the following order:
    - Adult Literacy
    - Technical resource training
    - Core emergent literacy training

**The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.**

**Next Meeting(s):** September 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm, OhioLink 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm, OhioLink 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room