

A & S Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2009

Present: Patrice McMahon, Sunil Narumalani, Amy Goodburn, Judy Walker, Pat Dussault, Greg Snow, Sidnie Crawford, Tim Borstelmann, Helen Moore, Alecia Kimbrough, David Manderscheid and Becky Carter

Unable to attend: Sebastian Elbaum, Lory Dance

1. **Introductions & Purpose:** Committee members introduced themselves. Dean David Manderscheid gave the charge of the committee. The committee will advise the Dean on just about everything. The committee's role is to confidentially brainstorm ideas and give feedback on College policies and decisions. Lory Dance will need to be replaced on the committee, as she has class during this time.
2. **P-16 committees; Malaysian Opportunities; AdventureLied:** The committee suggested nominations for these opportunities.
3. **Interdisciplinary Seed Grant:** The College has earmarked about \$20,000/annually for an interdisciplinary seed grant to fund discussions that produce measurable outcomes. The committee discussed a draft request for proposals.
4. **Draft Policy of F&A:** The college is creating a policy on F&A distribution. A discussion was held regarding the impact of such a policy and any changes to current practices.
5. **Incentives for Course Enrollments:** A discussion was held regarding how can the college provide incentives for course enrollments without turning course enrollments into a competition between departments.
6. **Conflict of interest/dean's office and department representation:** The discussion centered around potential issues at a unit level regarding merit, salary and course assignments when the unit chair/director has a spouse in the same unit. The agenda item will be held for further discussion at the next meeting.
7. **Strategic Planning:** This agenda item will be held for the next meeting.