

The Third 2023-2024 Professional Development Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024
2:00-2:43 p.m.

Professional Development Committee Members Present—

Paul Bowers
Vickie Crouch
DeLisa Ging, Chair
Candy Oller
Jeff Tate

Professional Development Committee Members in Class or Not Present—

Mary Ann McCoy
Audrey Schmitz

Current Business:

Approved Staff Professional Development Sessions Contingent on State Funding Decisions Made by June 30, 2024—

- The committee voted to have Dr. Cristin Colquhoun, an Instructional Designer and Online Librarian at Oklahoma State University, share her “Making Your Message More Reachable: Creating Accessible Documents.” Colquhoun’s presentation fee is \$400.00, and a tentative presentation date of October 16th has been set.
- The committee approved to have Dr. Amanda Tachine, author and Associate Professor at Arizona State University, speak about helping students overcome systematic obstacles. Tachine wrote *Native Presence and Sovereignty: Sustaining Indigenous Weapons to Defeat Systematic Monsters*. This speaker will share for \$1,000, and a tentative presentation date of September 17th has been set.
- The committee voted to have Dr. Julian Williams, Vice President for Access, Civil Rights, and Community Engagement at the University of South Carolina, present on “Putting Students in an Equitable Collegiate Environment: Sharing Diversity and Inclusion Strategies.” His presentation fee is \$800.00, but no tentative presentation date has been set.

Approved Faculty Professional Development Sessions Contingent on State Funding Decisions Made by June 30, 2024—

- The committee voted to have Adam Ryen Daniels, the Enrollment Marketing Specialist at the University of California Riverside, return for Part 2 of “Calling All Club Sponsors: Strategies for Leading Student Club.” He will further his discussion on the strategies for leading student clubs based on NOC’s needs after his first presentation. Daniel’s presentation fee is \$400.00, and he is willing to speak on September 18th, if the professional development is approved.

- The committee approved Dr. Rachelle Franz and Dr. Tyler Weldon, University of Central Oklahoma Associate Professors, sharing on “Teaching and Learning in Higher Education with Neuroscience.” They will share for \$400.00 per presenter, but no tentative presentation date has been set. Here is a synopsis of their presentation—

America’s higher education system is at a juncture between traditional and contemporary views of teaching and learning. Traditional instruction is often at odds with how we now understand humans learn. Unfortunately, faculty at U.S. institutions of higher education do not have access to nor the ability to pursue sustained professional development related to their teaching. Thus, they may not be able to implement instructional practices that align with what research from cognitive learning sciences has uncovered about teaching and learning. Faculty often rely on “neuromyths” which are rarely congruent with contemporary knowledge of how learning occurs. Their work seeks to address this problem by helping faculty separate neuroscience facts from fiction and reimagine their instruction considering contemporary knowledge from the learning sciences.

- Dr. Dimple Martin, Director of Quality Enhancement and Accreditation at Miles College, will present on ways academic advising helps determine if students will return for another semester. She has agreed to share for \$400.00, but no tentative presentation date has been set.

Future Business:

- The Professional Development Committee will meet in July to discuss the appropriated professional development budget for the 2024-2025 academic. Once the budget becomes available, Ging will contact the presenters and finalize fall 2024 plans with the professional development committee.