Professional Development Committee Meeting
Meeting Report
Friday, May 22, 2020
1:00 – 2:00pm
Conference Call

Attending: Carlos Maruri, Kandace Knudson, Adam Wetsman, Rene Lozano, Cynthia Mosqueda, Sara Nieves-Lucas, Teresa Aldredge, Efren Rangel, Maria Garcia,
Absent: Shaaron Vogel
Staff: Ashley Hamilton and Lidia Stoian

Committee met to discuss the future of FACCC events in the era of COVID-19. This was our first committee meeting since the shelter in place order started and our chair, Carlos asked each committee member to share what they are grateful for during this time as well as what is the hardest thing to deal with.

Since all FACCC events from March to August have been canceled we did not have any events update. We did discuss Great Teachers Seminar which has not been canceled.

Concerns voiced by committee members regarding GTS:
● If we hold the seminar we will have too many restrictions that will take away from the magic of the event. The seminar is built on networking between participants and eliminating or limiting those activities will take away from the experience.
● If we don’t hold the seminar and let a year pass by, we might lose the momentum and excitement faculty have for GTS.

Committee members suggested that we recommend to the FACCC board that we cancel the in-person seminar this year and instead try to have a one day virtual Great Teachers Seminar. Things the committee will consider if we have the GTS virtually:
● Do we offer the seminar for free and use it to increase membership?
● Do we charge attendees to be able to pay the facilitators running the seminar?
● Will this be a one day or two day webinar?

Webinars
● Kandace mentioned working with @ONE to cross link their trainings for our FACCC members.
- Cynthia: El Camino College used their equity funds to match the CARES act dollars that were distributed to students. A webinar addressing creative ways to help our students during these hard times.

- It was suggested that between now and August, our committee puts on a webinar with updates on the state budget and a webinar on pedagogy and the future of teaching online. We will work with the Academic Senate to put together the pedagogy webinar and check in with Evan and the executive committee to see if they need help with the budget webinar.

- Adam recommended that we consider a webinar to help administrators see the value in how successful counselors have been in communicating and helping our students virtually.

- It was suggested that FACCC purchase the webinar version on Zoom to be able to hold events for large groups.

Next meeting: TBD