

Santa Monica College Academic Senate

Professional Development Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2010

3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

**Professional Development
Committee**

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Present: Judith Douglas, Patricia Burson, Cindy Kelly, Cameron Hinton, Steve Hunt, Tiffany Inabu, Nancy Grass Hemmert, Kiersten Elliott,: **Guest:** Eric Oifer.

1. Dr. Tsang has provided the PDC with funds for fall flex day.

2. The Global Citizenship theme for next year will be food. The summer read book will be *Food Rules: an Eater's Manual* by Michael Pollan. Perhaps a flex day activity might be panel discussion on consumption habits in various cultures, or food and health.

3. The theme will be both globally and locally centered. A possible title for flex day is "Going Global / Living Local" Possible breakout session topic will be:

Foods across cultures

Cultural greetings

Environment crop management

Keeping our own biases in check

4. Poster Sessions may be done again

5. There was discussion about keeping the opening session short. The comments from the spring flex day indicated that many felt that the opening session was too long. Perhaps limit introduction and speakers to 30-45 minutes.

6. Will consider repeating the workshops a various times on flex day. This seemed to work well with on the spring flex day, and we have positive comments on this type of schedule.

Suggested timeline for fall flex day:

- 8:30 – 9:15 Speakers
- 9:30 – 12:00 Diversity issues (Outside people will facilitate)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:00 Workshop session 1
- 2:15 – 3:00 Workshop session 2
- 3:00 --3:30 Raffle/Closing

7. Eric Oifer was present and the fact that many groups on campus are planning professional development activities was discussed, as well as some of the issues that may arise as a result (duplication of effort, conflicting events, booking same speaker, etc.) The idea of a central calendar for all professional development activities was discussed. More

discussion, perhaps with the other groups who plan professional development activities is needed.