

Professional Development Committee

We have a new manager and co-chair on the committee this year, Tracy Beidleman! Tracy is the Director of Grants at the SMC Foundation. Tracy is replacing Dr. Kiersten Elliott, who has been the co-chair of the committee since 2021. We also welcome Carol Long, Director of the Personnel Commission, as a new PDC member. We appreciate everything Kiersten has done for the PDC during her time as co-chair, and we are also excited to start a new chapter with a new co-chair!

We want to know more about your professional development needs! To help us design programming that fits your schedule and truly supports your goals, we'd love to hear your thoughts directly.

Please take just a couple of minutes to fill out our quick, five-question survey.

Your feedback will directly guide our planning for the upcoming PD Day and future Faculty Forum workshops. Please note that ***Spring PD Day will be on March 18, 2027.***

Conference Funding for 2026-2027

Full-time and adjunct faculty may apply for PDC Conference Requests, once per academic year. The funding amounts are $1,500 for full-time faculty and $1,700 for adjunct faculty. Funds are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see the PDC website for details, how to apply and application rules.

Once the PDC Conference Request funds are depleted, applications are not accepted until the next fiscal year. We ask that the form be turned in at least 30 days in advance of the event to obtain all of the signatures prior to the event.