Report of the AETL Meeting, May 11, 2009


Items of note:

1. The following were chosen by acclamation to be co-chairs: Lily Griner and Ruth Lozner. Also, Kaci Thompson was voted as Webmaster. Many thanks to these three Fellows.

2. Review of AETL mission. A committee consisting of Jordan Goodman, Jim Greenberg, Denny Gulick, Ruth Lozner and Leigh Ryan was formed, with Jim as chair. It will report back to AETL with findings and/or recommendations. Topics that the committee might wish to consider: AETL’s mission, and AETL’s relevance to initiatives on campus and to the campus strategic plan. Should AETL be formatted so that it would have an impact on the campus? Should AETL consider items like the role of SAT, or of AP, for our campus?

NOTE: If you have any preliminary ideas for the committee to consider, please contact Jim: jdgg@umd.edu

3. Because AETL is composed of colleagues around the campus who have interest in teaching and learning, it is suggested that there be contact with the CORE Review Committee to offer to be a listening ear.

4. Leigh Ryan asked for book reviews for the Faculty Voice. It was suggested that after a Fellow writes such a review, perhaps he or she might make a presentation either to a subgroup of Fellows or AETL.

5. The group voted to have an Academy Fall 2009 Gathering just prior to the beginning of the Fall 2009 Semester. It was proposed that it be a potluck. Location (offered by Frances Gulick): the Gulick home, next to campus. I have created a “doodle poll” for a couple of suggested dates and times. Please go to

   http://doodle.com/27uarr26mua4bhxe

There was also a suggestion of the possibility of an AETL retreat.

6. Finally, a big thank you to Jim Greenberg for reserving the nice conference room for the meeting, and for acquiring the food. Also, a thank you to Mark Varner for serving up the liquid refreshments, and to Frank Alt for providing us with a packet that included pertinent information about AETL and about the Teaching Academy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Please have a great summer.
Denny