

## **Faculty Development Committee Report Academic Year 2013-2014**

**Faculty Development Day, August 2013:** The Faculty Development Committee began the Fall semester by presenting the annual faculty development day workshop in August 2013. The presenter this year was Dr. Curtis Bonk, a nationally recognized expert in incorporating technological advances in educational practices. The conference was well attended and faculty provided positive feedback regarding the presentation. During the Spring semester of 2014, the FDC is in the process of planning for the August 2014 FDC workshop. Currently we plan on having a presentation tentatively titled *Classroom Discourse: Methods to Generate Student Engagement and Participation*. The FDC has met approximately monthly to develop plans for this event.

**Teaching and Learning Conference:** The Faculty Development Committee spent the Fall 2013 semester planning for the Spring 2014 Salisbury University Teaching and Learning Conference (TLC) which was cosponsored by the Office of Instructional Design and Delivery. The TLC was held on the third Friday in February due to the time constraints of the Winter session term. The 2015 TLC is planned for the third Friday in February. The keynote speaker was Dr. Randy Groth who spoke about evaluating educational interventions. The conference was well attended, and contained 20 presentations by faculty from Salisbury University. The members of the Department of Instructional Design and Delivery were indispensable in the logistical planning and execution of this event. Feedback from the conference was positive, and faculty indicated interest in a faculty development day conference focusing on student engagement. The FDC met approximately monthly to plan for Teaching and Learning Conference.

**Faculty Travel Grants:** The Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant was awarded \$36,000 by the Provost for the 2013-2014 academic year. This is an increase of \$1000 from the previous year. There was \$16,000 dispersed during the Fall 2013 semester and \$20,000 dispersed during the Spring 2014 semester. During Fall 2013 there were 65 total eligible applicants included in the lottery and 40 were funded based on the total funds available. In the Spring There were a total of 52 applications and 50 were funded by lottery. As of April 2014 the Provost's office has approved dispersal of funds in the amount of \$36,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

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