

Professionals & Professional Faculty Assembly (PPFA) Meeting and Retreat

July 22, 2010

Board of Visitors Room, Blow Memorial Hall

Current Members Present: Gatling, Sharron; Hampton-Pittman, Carlane; Mason, Pamela; McBeth, Elaine; Molineux, Mary; Mongold, Susan; Pada, Mane; Richardson, Stacy; Rideout, Tom; Springer, Cory; Webb-Robers, Wendy

Former Members Present: Cole, Steve.

Members Absent: Boy, Wayne; Corello, Judy; Foster, Lee; Grimes, Lisa; Latour, Jennifer; Mendez, German; Osborne, Dot; Scott, Jennifer; Reis, Bobby

1. **Meeting:** PPFA President Molineux called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. As there was not yet a quorum, approval of the June meeting minutes was tabled until the August meeting. Molineux introduced the retreat leader, Professor Megan Tschannen-Moran of the College of William & Mary's School of Education.

2. **Retreat:** Dr. Tschannen-Moran gave a brief overview of the theory of Appreciative Inquiry and showed an inspirational movie. She indicated that the half-day retreat program that we would experience was an abridged version of the full workshop she usually presents.

We broke into groups of 2 or 3 members to brainstorm times when we'd worked on effective teams and identified our personal strengths/contributions to the teams. We then joined one or two of the other groups to share our findings and to identify common themes. Afterwards, we reconvened as a whole and shared our common themes. As a whole, we chose a few of the most important themes we'd like to set as goals for the coming year.

Then we self-selected into groups to work on the identified goals. Dr. Tschannen-Moran assigned a creative exercise to help us envision the goals successfully accomplished. After the groups shared the results of this exercise with the rest of the PPFA, Dr. Tschannen-Moran gave us a brief overview of how to carry this inspiration forward, but, because we had scheduled an abridged program, and because 9 current members were not present, we would not be able to develop the final goal setting this day.

3. **Meeting resumed** at 12:10 p.m., with Molineux calling for nominations for the President, Vice-President and Secretary positions.

- German Mendez had previously self-nominated for the Presidency, and, with no other candidates, was unanimously elected to the post.
- Pada and Webb-Robers then self-nominated to continue their roles Vice-Presidency and Secretary positions, and were unanimously elected as such.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and followed by a lunch, coordinated by Pada and Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Webb-Robers
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