

Professional Development Subcommittee - 5/18/17 meeting

- The meeting started off with Dr. Mann mentioning what this subcommittee will be charged with.
 - In roughly her words, “This subcommittee will be charged with seeking out, identifying and bringing speakers here to talk and give training.”
 - We do have money for this task.
 - “We’ve got an entire campus to educate here.” – Dr. Mann
 - From our meeting yesterday, we know that a lot of people are unsure of what the pathways program is.
 - Gone but not forgotten
- According to Dr. Jensen-Vallin, there are talks of an app that will push notifications with important information to students and talks of ways to value faculty that work as mentors.
- Mrs. Hodge asked if this subcommittee is charged with assisting professional development with the QEP.
 - Not necessarily. More importantly this subcommittee is charged with bringing in people.
- Decided on chairs for the Professional Development subcommittee
 - Dr. Jensen-Vallin and Prof. Riley are co-chairs.
- Dr. Mann would like to bring someone out for a talk, workshop or training this summer.
 - Dr. Jensen-Vallin mentioned that the Mathematical Association of America has developed a program, StatPREP, which will be holding two regional workshops in the summers of 2017 and 2018. The focus of the program is to bring in faculty from different university and give them the available resources to be specialized in instruction of post-secondary intro stats classes.
- First impressions are important (classrooms, orientation settings, etc.)
- Need a way to train people.
 - Cheaper to bring people in than to send people out. – Dr. Hefner-Babb
 - Dr. Jensen-Vallin mentions people within the MAA, but due to locale issues, this would have to wait for after the summer.
- How do we consider students who are switching pathways?
- Mainstreaming vs Co-requisites
 - Mainstreaming – more expensive for university
 - Co-requisites – more expensive for students
 - Which is better for Lamar?
- Dr. Mann is working on the white paper for SACS Leadership Meeting, then it will spread to the QEP and then it will spread farther.
- Lots of theoretical ideas in this meeting; nothing is set in stone yet.
- We need to pay attention to House Bill 2223