

Academy Meeting

Meeting Notes *(taken by Matt Watts and Bob Wieman)*

Changes to the current agenda: Masilla (membership)

Motion to accept last year's minutes approved unanimously

Conference Assessment

Strengths:

- Attendance showed growth in the PE community
- Location was convenient for locals and travelers.
- Diversity in the participants adding to exchange of different ideas; Helps us transfer learning between disciplines and contexts
- Continuity of the keynotes reinforced ideas in cognitive psychology of learning.
- Diversity of other workshops gave attendees a variety of options broad base of information to draw upon.
- Student attendee provided feedback from student point of view. Let others know that cost is low for students.
- Hotel location was convenient and had creature comforts
- The binder makes it easy for participants to keep information and resources organized.

Improvements:

- Plan conference around better weather ☺
- Ensure all speakers connect talks to PE values, theme, and keynote topic
- Try to make sure competing workshops do not appeal to the same participants if possible. Record parallel sessions for people to watch later.
- Make sure everyone has access to the Academy member site.
- Plan the large meals according to how many people will actually attend. Make the dinner an additional cost on the registration form.
- Make announcement at beginning of conference that attendees are encouraged to be respectful and courteous and NOT talk while presentations are going on.
- Hold entire conference in the same location (building) if possible. Have better signage indicating where attendees should get to conference. Have local conference coordinators double check directions for travelers coming into the area.

Insights:

- Overlap between the NCTM standards and the PE values is significant and yet overlooked by math faculty prior to the presentation connecting to two.
- Impressive show of advancement from the VSU PE panel
- Lack of attendance from faculty in humanities and university college. Possible a more natural transition for disciplines that are already process based.
- New attendees find clarity in the identity of PE as an entity disparate from Pacific Crest
- More sessions (lunch speakers) came at the expense of networking. More content but less connecting with others.

- Plantation tour was enjoyable; Social engagements should reflect cultural sensitivity. Extended poster session as an alternative? (networking opportunity)

2016 Conference planning:

- GVSU? Local theme to be considered
- Summer dates: Grand Valley could accommodate (without conflict) June 22-24
- (conference travel challenges for distant visitors to do both winter meeting and conference)

Winter Meeting:

- Winter 2016 meeting: Jan 6-8
- Purpose: strictly site examination? Via web?
- Usually about 12 ppl, primarily for continuing paper development.
- Site visit is valuable...how valuable?
- (Academy pays room and board, attendees pay for transportation)

Alternate/future conference locations?

- NCCentral for midyear in 2017?

IJPE:

- submission collaborations are encouraged (need draft by Jan/Feb) – let Kathy and Steve know
- (Academy website has link to IJPE website with prev. issues and submission information)

Strategic Plan: this is the last year of current plan – need to renew it; put on Winter agenda

Local chapter activities: VSU has informal development in that direction...Strategic Plan explains local chapter requirements (distinct from institutional membership)

Newsletter dates: usually quarterly, next in end of August focusing on things from the conference (incl. Chaya's pictures)

Board Meetings:

- Approx. monthly, will set up poll to find best options (second call after a primary has worked out when not everyone can call in at the same time)

Membership:

- encourage graduate students and other “future of us” people to join (collaborating on research projects can generate this connection)

Misc:

- Todd...interested in a consortium of academic conferences that he can refer people to. We are interested in looking into this further.
- Chaya: further sponsorship of conference? Question of our size..too small for big publishers? Other vendors? Board Members at large called on to investigate these possibilities.
- Rik: Cross-membership in other organizations...(yes)...similarly, publication in the journals for those orgs (yes)

Credit for organizers

Adjournment