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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frederick W. Obear, Chair
University Senate Steering Committee

FROM: Steven Miller, Chair
University Teaching and Learning Committee

Lewis N. Pino, Director
Research and Instructional Services

SUBJECT: Teaching and Learning Committee Activities, 1979-80

First of all, we would like to commend the members of the Teaching and Learning Committee for their hard work this year. For the record, the members of the current committee are: David Aussicker, Robert W. Brown, Harvey Burdick, Elizabeth Conner, Clare DeFelice, Marty Lewis, Steven Miller, Lewis N. Pino, Charlotte Stokes, Mark Clausen, Carla Neubauer.

Perhaps the most significant finding of this year was the right combination for the Educational Development Fund. The addition of support for individual faculty development related to existing or planned course and curricular improvement finally evoked the level of response we have been expecting. The Committee endorsed this spring a set of guidelines for the 1980-81 EDF competition which offers support for a full range of activities, including faculty development. The only remaining "problem" is that the size of the Educational Development Fund is no longer sufficient for the number of fundable proposals.

In March of 1980, a subcommittee of the T/L group prepared a set of abstracts on the results of EDF grants made in recent years. Reports on ten separate grants which were particularly useful were prepared and distributed in April.

We are pleased to note that the results of the first classroom survey, carried out in the spring of 1978 are still being felt. Extensive renovation of some classroom spaces, particularly in North Foundation Hall, has been completed and a variety of other improvements have been or are being made. We are grateful to Messrs. Bartalucci, Catton, and Obear for their help in this important area.

Follow-up surveys of faculty and student reactions to certain improved and unimproved classrooms in NFH and SFH were run in April, 1980. A summary of the results will be forwarded to Messrs. Bartalucci, Catton, and Obear. The T & L Committee commends Ms. Stokes and Mr. Clausen who designed the survey instrument. It is expected that this sort of survey will now become an annual effort of the Committee.

The proposal to establish a teaching excellence award was reviewed and modified at the request of the Steering Committee. We are hopeful that the award process, in its new form, will be implemented in 1980-81.

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The Committee decided that a need exists for a neutral, expert source of information and guidance for faculty who experience various kinds of difficulty with their classes. Mainly through the efforts of Mr. Burdick, a job description for such an Instructional Services Person was developed and support for the concept was obtained from the administration. The Committee hopes to see this office filled by an Oakland faculty member in the coming year.

For the record, a summary of EDF activity and a list of EDF grants made this year is appended.

EDF SUMMARY - TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

Proposals

14

Grants

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EDF AWARDS

Donald R. Falkenburg (Engineering) "Application of Micro Computers and Media Storage Technology to Education and Job Training"	\$ 800.00
E.J. Heubel (Political Science) "Development of a Course Module in Federal Guidelines for Employee Selection - Implications for Equal Opportunity Compliance"	812.00
William Macauley (Political Science) "The Adaption of the Computer to the Political Science Curriculum"	971.00
Donald E.G. Malm (Mathematics) "A Computer-graded examination system for Math 102/103"	1200.00
Jacqueline Scherer (Community and Human Development) "Field Experience at Oakland University"	950.00
Helen Schwartz (English) "Support Materials for Computer-aided Instruction in English Language and Literature Classes"	700.00
B.L. Bhatt (Engineering) "To attend Conference on Combustion Engine Performance, Economy and Emissions"	250.00
Ron Mourant (Engineering) "To run Graphic Workshop"	300.00
Uwe Reichl (Health Sciences) "To attend seminar on 2.77s Ultrasound, Microwaves, Laser and Ultraviolet"	250.00
Richard Tucker (History) "To attend seminar on Public History"	215.00
Mark Workman (English) "To participate in Technical Writing Institute for Teachers"	<u>500.00</u>
Total Awarded	\$6948.00