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University of Southern Indiana

REPORT FROM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Stephanie Walden-Schwake, Chair

The committee met to discuss an administrators mentoring program. Dr. Fertig, from the College of Business, attended the meeting to give his ideas on mentoring in an organization. Dr. Fertig said that some mentor programs do not work because it is hard to find mentors, and some mentors are better than others. He suggested the committee work to introduce new employees to various social activities which would acquaint the new hire with other employees and departments. The committee is working to compile a list of these the board-game group, lunchtime volleyball, basketball, Bible study and others. The committee has considered a book club, social hour, or a Friday 4:00 coffee gathering.

The committee is waiting on the results from the evaluation/questionnaire given out at the 7<sup>th</sup> U in my Work professional development session.

At the Spring meeting breakout, Diversity Roundtable, it was mentioned that there is a lack of time for social activities. Ms. Tang and Dr. Paul Parkison met with Chris Garrett. Dr. Garrett puts together sessions for a faculty learning community. The committee is brainstorming ways to wrap professional development into social activities. If developed, these would include staff, administrators and faculty and possibly students.

REPORT FROM EVENTS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Mandi Fulton, Chair

Ms. Fulton reported no summer toolkits.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Susanne Stanley, Chair

Ms. Stanley stated that she, Mr. Fitzgibbon and Ms. Tang met with Dr. Kiessling and Mr. Enzler aC /

