**Staff Development/FLEX Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022**

**Present –** Katie O’Brien, Teresa Martinez, Jose Arroyo, Sandra Rivera, Alice Mecom, Lisa Sandoval, Kathy Gomez, Sable Cantus, Brenda Harlow, Michaela Brehm

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the January 19th, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Updates –**

**CSEA –** The CSEA FLEX day lounge breakout went really well with 40 participants. There were concerns brought up about N95 masks vs. cloth masks and lack of communication about the Ready App. Katie suggested to contact Leanne Unger with questions about these issues.

**Technology** training – The Podcast workshop went great. Zoom kits are held up because the microphones need to be exchanged. Teresa, Katie, and Sable will work on that.

**Leadership Academy** – There will be an alumni event on March 18th, 2022 where potential applicants will also be invited for the lecture portion of the gathering. Teresa, Katie, Kelly, and Russell are working on the process for to pay a consultant $500 to speak on “Leading Through Crisis.”

**Distance Education –** $1,800 in stipends was spenton faculty who completed@One courses. There is $1,700 left over from the DE set aside and Jill Pfeiffer is requesting we use the rest to send faculty to the annual Online Teaching conference. The committee agrees to use the funds for that activity.

**Monthly confirmation to continue to meet via zoom-The committee consensed to this.**

**Grant Request –** Michelle Bean request for $250 for a Plant focused workshop as a Rio Raices activity was approved.

**FLEX credit request** – Ryan Bronkar is requesting FLEX for taking doing work this year in preparation for classes he’ll be starting next year as part of a Masters in Statistics. – Committee did not approve this request as all of his work will eventually lead to column advancement.

**Rio Talks Podcast** – A proposal from Tina Kuperman was reviewed – From *Traffic to Treadmill: Health and Fitness during Covid 19.* – The Committee likes the idea and approves this topic.

**Rio Star nomination** – The subcommittee approved the nomination put forth by Tina Kuperman. Katie will send the nominee out when she gets a photo.

**R&R** – April 8th, 2022 will be from 11am – 2pm

**Initial FLEX Day evaluation** – Jose said that the day went very smoothly and was very impressed with the quality of work. Katie was very grateful to Sable for taking the lead on technology that day.

This meeting adjourned at 3:30pm, with the next meeting to be on Wednesday, February 15th, 2022