Attendance: Kris Abrahamson, MJ Papa, Amy Ethington, Laura Sparks, Katie Gerber, Jerry Thao, Shawn Brumbaugh, Todd Straus, and Debbie Weatherly

Welcome was given to all by Co-Chair Katie Gerber along with introductions.

Suggestion to update membership on form.

We are cautioned to be aware that as representatives of different constituent groups we need to communicate any information back to whom we are representing.

Suggestion was made to include classified in the reporting out as that was missing on the agenda.

Kris reported on number of workshops that have been held for employees at 27. These are advertised in Mary’s weekly update.

Debbie updated us on AB2558, and what we know so far, that there is a very real possibility for funding to come forward for professional development, and to keep our eye out for any new information.

AFA shared on PDA workshop on “whatever happened to PDA?” There is concern that PDA has become too institutional and not enough content on professional development is offered. Suggestion to split PDA to two days, and have institutional needs on one day and professional development on the next day. They would like to see more flexibility in workshops, and less control on what is being offered. There is the feeling that faculty are being watched over by PDA committee, so would like less administration driven and more academic driven. PDA should inspire all. Would like to see a fall lecture like the spring lecture instead of outside speakers.

Reviewed survey showing how many attended each session from each constituent group. Appreciation was given for the facilities sustainable workshop to offer something for facility employees. The consensus was that there was a nice distribution of people at all workshops.

AFA would like to see more workshops offered with no regard to attendance or what is offered. This seems to conflict with previous information that there were too many workshops, and Kris cautioned that we need to remember we should be the voice of our constituent group and not personal view, to make sure information is coming from the Senates or AFA as an official voice.

Question came up as to how workshops were selected. Katie shared about history of # workshops and trying to find the right amount to meet needs of everyone and still be relevant.

Shawn would like to see ability to fulfill a large number of flex hours as quickly as possible, which led to another discussion on flex time.

During discussion of PDA a comment was made that there was not enough offered for classified employees that would interest them, and the most popular ones filled up and not able to attend.

Katie put the question out there of “what is the new PDA?” Who decides, and what do we do with feedback we receive. Is it time to do another “needs assessment?”
Todd commented on the “spirit of SLO” has been lost. It should be a good thing not a negative forced thing.

There was also a consensus that they all like having the menu of activities, room arrangements etc. so there is not a problem with infrastructure, just content with emphasis on professionals getting together.

Assignments that were given out were:

Each member would go back to their respective constituent groups and bring back consensus on what each group is desiring.

We should draft language to reflect new attitude of PDA.

We need a draft of proposals to look at that will be prepared for us from Mary?

Ideas for a theme have to do with excellence, community and student success.

Suggestion that Katie and Laura attend dept. meetings to get information from each dept.

Kris suggested we put off setting our goals until we have launched spring PDA.

In closing MJ asked about the process for selecting the Tauzer lecturer and if there ever is an adjunct that would be presenting as there are some very talented adjuncts that we could utilize. Kris said she would find out if that is a possibility, but up until now the Tauzer Lecturer is selected by past Tauzer Lecturers that serve on a committee.