The Faculty Development Committee, in its third academic year since it was formed, met 6 times in AY 2017-2018. Accomplishments include:

- Elected committee officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)
- Evaluated 9 applications for SP/18 Scholarly Reassignment and 13 applications for FA/18 Scholarly Reassignment and made recommendations to the Provost’s Office.
- Implemented a new Professional Enhancement Grant (PEG) submission system in collaboration with the Provost’s Office and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Services (OSPRS). Worked throughout the fall with the Provost’s Office and with OSPRS to revise and clarify the PEG application guidelines and application form.
- Evaluated 11 first-round Professional Enhancement Grant proposals for AY 2017-2018 (including, for the first time, applications from contingent faculty) and recommended to the Provost’s Office approval of $27,991.05 in PEG grants.
  o The dean of COHFA contributed an additional 2,000 toward PEG projects.
- Worked with the Provost’s Office to expand PEG eligibility by:
  o expanding PEG eligibility from once every three years to every year (with priority granted to those who did not receive a grant in the previous year).
  o allowing faculty members awarded summer faculty compensation to teach one class concurrently.
- Sent out call for a (one-time) second round of PEG applications for AY 2017-2018.
- Revised rubrics for Research (REG) and Teaching (TEG) categories to promote objective and consistent evaluation of PEG applications.
- Evaluated 26 second-round PEG proposals and recommended to the Provost’s Office approval of an additional $85,424 in grants.
  o Deans of COHFA, Science, and Education colleges contributed an additional $14,029 toward second-round PEG projects.
- Prepared call for FA/18 Scholarly Reassignment and reviewed release schedule with the Provost’s Office.
- Prepared call for AY 2018-19 PEG applications and reviewed release schedule with the Provost’s Office.

The committee’s unfinished business includes:

- Elect AY 2018-19 officers
- Discuss Fulbright Council’s 4/14/18 proposal for “Faculty Opportunity and Celebration of Excellence Summit”
  o Include subsequent suggestion that Student Achievement Funding be included in the Summit as poster sessions and discussion table.
- Continue discussion (internal and with Provost’s Office) on digital site to promote faculty research opportunities and funded projects (potentially in conjunction with the launch of a Faculty Opportunity and Celebration of Excellence Summit).
- Update application for Scholarly Reassignment in light of successful revisions to PEG application.
  o Request detailed timeline for reassignment activity
  o Specify that SR project abstract should be written in language accessible to a non-specialists.
  o Reevaluate how to manage chair support in the evaluation process.
- Request addition of a separate column for per-diem expenses to PEG spreadsheet.

Recommendations for future business include:

- Prepare handbook outlining FDC work, enabling smoother transfer from year to year and enabling more consistent communication with Provost’s office and OSPRS.
- Encourage all deans to contribute toward Professional Enhancement Grant applications.
- Discuss and vote on a suggestions that the Faculty Manual be revised to make department chairs ineligible to serve on Faculty Development Committee.

Recommendations for future discussions include:

- Consider additional means to help faculty development: are there other ways we can improve faculty development on campus?