

In Attendance: Zarina Blankenbaker, Becky Jones, Mary Darin, Joe Perea, Dwayne Carter, Roy Bond, Charles Lundin, and Luci Sampler. Ex-officio : Jean Conway and Fred Newbury.

Topic	Presenter	Discussion Highlights	Decision	Follow Up Action
Invitation to Focus	Zarina			
Review of Minutes	Claudia and Council Members	Minutes were not read. Claudia was ill.	Will review minutes at February 15 meeting.	
Thunder Team Charge Faculty Student Engagement Taskforce	Zarina Fred Newbury	Richland scored below average in Student-Faculty Interaction. Thunder Team has charged CTL to form a taskforce to develop strategies to improve Richland's performance in this category. Fred & Zarina will discuss at Academic Council Meeting. Recommended each division have a representative on the taskforce.	Joe Perea volunteered to represent the Council; Roy Bond volunteered to serve as a Co-chair. Michael Iachetta was suggested as a possible taskforce member.	Deadline for taskforce recommendations to Thunder Team will be the end of the Spring semester.
Planning for Featured T & L Practices Recognition Ceremony	Dwayne Carter and Council Members	Develop a comprehensive brochure which highlights various ways Richland recognizes teaching and learning excellence. Announce or promote during Fall and Spring Convocations.	Next ceremony will be Fall 2006.	Zarina or Dwayne will talk with Suzy Hogue and Jenni Gilmer regarding design and production of the brochure. Submit Featured Teaching Practices to Innovations Abstracts.
Faculty Appreciation Week	Zarina	Snacks and refreshments were appreciated by faculty throughout the week.	Entire Council will participate in planning the week-long activities.	Update PowerPoint slide to include 2006 winners. Bring forward new ideas for Faculty Appreciation Week 2006.

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Other Items	Council Members			

Important Dates:

Wednesday, February 8 – Featured Teaching Practices Recognition Ceremony

Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 15

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, April 19