Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium Annual Business Meeting March 10, 2003

The 24th annual business meeting of the Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium was called to order by Art Crawley, Chair of the Executive Committee at 1:21 pm, Monday, March 10, 2003.

Art welcomed the members and recognized Martha Wicker, Alisa Kirk and the rest of the Clayton State College and University staff for hosting a great meeting.

Art also recognized the other Executive Board members present: Karen Adsit, representing University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Secretary) and Kate Brinko, representing Appalachian State University (Treasurer). Jim Eison, University of South Florida representative and on the Executive Committee has resigned for personal reasons and could not attend this year's sharing conference. Hazel Harris, representative for Furman University, also a member of the Executive Committee, also could not attend this year's conference.

University of Central Florida and Alison Morrison-Shetlar will sponsor next year's sharing conference in Orlando. Next year's conference will be the 25th anniversary of the organization.

Art announced that if members were interested in hosting the 2005 meeting, please let Art or a member of the Executive Committee know of that interest. Hosting institutions receive support from the Executive Committee and member's dues pay to financially support the sharing conference.

Karen Adsit presented the minutes from the 2002 Business Meeting. Jessica Somers made a motion to approve the minutes; Alison Morrison-Shetlar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Kate Brinko, ASU, presented the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the 2002 conference expenses, where the organization's finances were at the end of August 2002 (\$10,694.99) and as of March 3, 2003 (\$14,319.10). Membership fees paid after that date are not included in the report and 2003 conference expenses are not included. Conference expenses will most likely be less this year compared to last year as hotel expenses are not included any longer in the membership fees. We are doing fine financially as an organization. Our membership numbers are about the same this year compared to last year. We hope to retain new members from this year and grow some next year. Art Crawley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Linda Nilson seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Karen Adsit presented the changes to the bylaws. The main changes the Executive Committee are suggesting include: adding an individual class of membership, changing the officers to be individual vs. institutional; separating the secretary and treasurer roles;

and cleaning up some of the language and grammar. Hetty Jardine made a motion to accept the suggested changes. Kate Brinko seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Friendly amendments to the motion were made and approved and included: deleting reference to the individual in Article I, Section 1 (Name of the Organization) (Hetty Jardine), check the spelling throughout and make corrections (Linda Nilson), moving the third sentence to be the second sentence in proposed Article II, Section 4 (Voting (Susan Phillips), delete references to institutions in the example in Article III, Section 2 (Election of Executive Committee) (Dorothy Zinsmeister, Scott Tippens, and Eric Lane). Linda Nilson brought up an additional issue to consider in relation to the se proposed changes: how individuals and institutions are represented in the yearly brochure. The Executive Committee will consider this to make sure that institutions retain the prestige of funding for two representatives. A written ballot was taken and it was unanimous to accept the changes proposed with the friendly amendments.

Elections to the Executive Committee were held to replace University of South Florida and Furman University on the Executive Committee. The USF replacement will complete their term (2003 - 2005). Furman's replacement will complete a full three-year term (2003 - 2006).

Linda Nilson nominated Alison Morrison-Shetlar, University of Central Florida. Milton Ready made a motion to close the nominations. Debi Moon seconded that motion. Hetty Jardine made a motion to elect Alison by acclimation; Charles Hart seconded that motion. A vote was taken and Alison was elected by acclimation. Alison will be on the Executive Committee through 2005.

Susan Phillips nominated Hetty Jardine and Laura Chapman nominated Debra Randleman for a three-year term on the Executive Committee. Milton Ready made a motion to close the nominations. Pam Moolenaar-Wirsiy seconded that motion. Ballots were passed out and Hetty Jardine was elected for a three-year term on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:30 am.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.