Faculty Development (FDC)
Governance Committee
Chair: Frans van Liere

A. Major issues addressed by the committee during the 2015–16 year
The Faculty Development committee met four times in the fall. The Dean of Research and Scholarship was absent for the fall, due to his teaching assignment in Hungary.

B. Actions brought before Faculty Senate
None

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the committee initiated or implemented
1. The committee mandate was reviewed, and changes proposed to bring it up to date with current usage. It was noted that the relationship of the FDC with the work of the Teaching and Learning Network needed further clarification. This item was brought to the attention of the Committee on Governance.
2. The report of the Calvin Teaching and Learning Network for 2014–2015 was approved.
3. The procedure for the Sabbatical and CRF review was established along very much the same lines as last year: each proposal was read by the acting Dean for Academic Administration, acting for the Dean for Research and Scholarship, and at least 3 other members of FDC; reviewers sorted their proposals into top-third, middle-third, and bottom-third; proposals were reviewed in light of the criteria listed in the Faculty Handbook.
4. The committee then reviewed 20 sabbatical proposals, and decided to fund 16 of these. The committee also reviewed 26 CRF proposals, and decided to fund 22, for a total of course 30 units.
5. In May 2016, the chair of FDC participated in a Research and Scholarship Planning Workshop, organized by the Dean for Research and Scholarship.

D. Issues that will continue to be before the board next year
It is expected that the committee’s agenda next year will look very much like this year’s.