## Professional Development report to Senate, Feb 24, 2016

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## I. Opening week was success.

Todd and Judy report that having a cutoff date for presentation ideas worked very well. It streamlined the process and made their work much more manageable, AND the numbers for participation did not decrease from the past few years.

II. Introduction of Reese Weltman, our new program manager of Professional Development.

The new program manager is being funded (about 90%) through SSSP and Equity. It is important to note our state legislature is providing additional funding for professional development through the areas of SSSP and Equity. Reese will be responsible for various activities including:

- Coordinating conferences
- P.D. Newsletter
- P.D. Academy focus

## II. Continuing Development of Academies.

The purpose of the academies is to provide directed training for each employee group; Management, Staff, and Faculty.

PDC is moving forward with the Staff academies featuring Microsoft. Bill Moseley is working with Reese on developing the appropriate outlines

III. We are continuing to work with H.R. with the new hire orientations. We are continuing to create a website that is a one stop shop for people to reference for items such as how to get a parking pass, keys to classroom, etc.