From the desk of Robin

FACET is pleased to announce the creation of two new programs:

Programming mini-grants and the Bender FACET Faculty Fellow program.

Up to $5000 will be available through programming mini-grants to assist in funding campus speakers. Proposals will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis beginning August 1st of each year and will be judged on the basis of the significance of the anticipated outcomes for improving teaching and student learning. Proposals reflecting multi-campus or multi-institution speakers will be given higher priority.

The Bender FACET Faculty Fellow program, named in honor of FACET founder Eileen Bender, was developed to create leadership opportunities within FACET, particularly for newer members. The Bender FACET Fellow Program prepares members to gain a greater understanding of the system-wide impact of FACET. Up to two faculty members each semester will work on a specified project at the statewide level in cooperation with the FACET statewide office. For additional information about either of these new programs, please contact the FACET office at facet@iupui.edu.

Teaching Innovations

The latest edition of Quick Hits: Teaching with Technology has just been submitted to IU Press. As with prior volumes in the Quick Hits Series, this volume focuses on award winning teaching faculty sharing their successes. All of the peer-reviewed submissions in this edition, though, focus on utilizing technology to improve student learning. For the first time, an accompanying website for the book has been developed (www.quickhitstech.com). This website allows for a continued discussion of ways to effectively utilize technology to support student learning. The website will also serve as an ‘electronic journal’ in that anyone can submit their own ‘Quick Hit’ for review. Submissions receiving a positive review will be ‘published’ on the site. Since technology rapidly changes, this site will provide a forum to assess the effectiveness of particular technologies enabling faculty to make informed decisions about expending the money, time, and effort adding a new technology to their course. Join the discussion about teaching with technology on the website and start submitting your own ‘Quick Hits.’

Campus Updates

IU Bloomington Teaching Conference titled, “Making Teaching More Effective.” This event is sponsored by the IUB FACET group and will be held on October 6, 2011 from 10:30 - 4:30 pm in the IU Memorial Union. Contact Carol Hostetter at chostett@indiana.edu for more information.

16th Annual Associate Faculty and Lecturers’ Conference October 14-15, 2011 Indianapolis Marriott East The theme for this year’s conference is “Innovations in Teaching.” Keynote presenters are Jillian Kinzie from IUB, and Marcia Dixson from IPFW.

Planning Ahead:

2012 Retreat: May 18-20 at Potawatomi Inn in Anglola, IN 2013 Retreat: May 17-19 at French Lick Resort in French Lick, IN

Please keep the FACET office abreast of FACET and SoTL related activities on your campus so that we might schedule our 2011-2012 campus visits accordingly and offer our support.

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