“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation….”
excerpt from FACET Mission

From the desk of Robin

The upcoming Associate Faculty and Lecturers Conference promises to be an exciting event with more than 135 participants registered, the largest conference to date. The theme of the conference is Back to the Future, with two tracks: Back to Basics and the Future of Teaching. Keynote presentations will be delivered by Jerry Powers (’90) and Lori Montalbano (’03).

We are also pleased to announce our Bender Facet Fellows for spring 2013. Yvonne Zubovic (’96) has been chosen to work on enhancing the dissemination of the work being completed by campus teams in our Leadership Institute. More details about the Leadership Institute can be found in the center column. Jon Becker (’02) and Ange Cooksey (’11) have been chosen to work on developing the Associate Faculty and Leadership Conference into a regional and, eventually, a national conference. According to the American Association of University Professors, in 1980 adjunct and lecturers made up about 32% of those teaching in higher education; today, that percentage has risen to 58%. This trend does not seem likely to change in the near future. FACET can play a pivotal role in ensuring that adjuncts and lecturers have the same opportunities for faculty development.

Update from Yvonne Zubovic

After a hiatus, the Leadership Institute is back and going strong! The purpose of the Leadership Institute is threefold: to develop leaders for innovation and learning in higher education, to enhance and transform the learning environment, and to implement creative approaches to address educational needs. Over the next 18 months, faculty teams from each of the Indiana University campuses will design, implement, and evaluate a project to embed high impact educational practices in their undergraduate curriculum.

Campus teams gathered in Indianapolis for the 2012 Leadership Institute on September 28-29. During the weekend, teams explored the role of a change agent, discussed models for leadership, and spent time drafting a project plan. These plans vary by campus. For example, IUS plans to pilot a residential learning community to focus on at-risk students. IUPUI and IUPUC plan to study the RISE to the Challenge Initiative. IUN plans to develop a FYE adapted to a commuter campus.

During the next 18 months, the teams will participate in virtual meetings to discuss their projects as well as disseminate information on high impact practices. FACET has already begun posting resources related to high impact educational practices on the FACET Leadership Institute website https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/leadership-institute/schedule1.shtml. Watch the website for updates on the campus projects as the academic year unfolds.

Campus Updates

FACET Steering Committee Meeting November 9th from 2pm - 5pm Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Please contact the FACET office for more information.

17th Annual Associate Faculty and Lecturers’ Conference at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre in downtown Indianapolis. Please share with your associate faculty colleagues.

Planning Ahead:

2013 Retreat: May 17-19 at French Lick Resort in French Lick, IN
2014 Retreat: May 16-18 at Sheraton City Centre in Indianapolis, IN

Please keep the FACET office abreast of FACET and SoTL related activities on your campus so that we might aid in advertising the events.

Would you like to have your FACET sponsored or teaching related event highlighted on the FACET calendar? Please send requests to the FACET office at facet@iu.edu. The calendar can be viewed here: https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/index.shtml

Just a head’s up...

The FACET Office Staff will be working on updating the member profiles throughout the next several months. Please help in the process by responding as quickly as possible when the request for updated information and pictures is made.