From the desk of Robin

September was a productive month for FACET. On September 21st, the SoTL 101 workshop was presented with over 75 attendees. It is exciting to see such interest in the scholarship of teaching and learning. It was also exciting to have participation from every campus; this model of a central site connected by video bridge for presentations and workshops appears to have worked well. A recording of the presentation is also available from the FACET office for those who were unable to attend. Our revitalized Leadership Institute met the last weekend in September. Campus teams are focused on developing plans to implement high impact practices on their local campuses. This theme dovetails well with the Blueprint for Student Attainment, initiated by IU’s Regional Campuses. Teams will be meeting throughout the year and Yvonne Zubovic, chair of the planning committee, will share more information about these team projects in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. The Retreat planning committee, chaired by Don Coffin (Northwest) and Linda Wright Bower (Fort Wayne), have begun meeting and are working on developing a theme for the retreat. Planning committee members has been formed, including: Erin Argyilan, Amanda Cecil, Deb Dodson, Linda Ficht, Tammy Fong-Morgan, Fredricka Joyner, Tom Kotulak, and Leah Savion.

Update from Julie Saam

In the last newsletter, Robin mentioned in her remarks that I had been selected as the fall semester Bender FACET faculty fellow. The Bender FACET Fellow Program prepares FACET members to gain a greater understanding of the system-wide impact of FACET by working on a specified project at the statewide level in cooperation with the FACET statewide office. I am thrilled by this opportunity but even more honored by the fact that the Bender FACET Fellow program is named in honor of FACET founder Eileen Bender.

The project that I am working on originated (unbeknownst to me then) when I was a doctoral student at IU Bloomington and selected as a Future Faculty Teaching Fellow. The Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship (FFTF) provides new faculty experiences for IU Bloomington doctoral candidates. Eileen Bender, then Director of FACET, developed the Summer Institute that was a mandatory requirement of the fellowship. Now I know that this was when I secured my passion for faculty development, particularly with new emerging faculty. Fast forward numerous years and now I have the distinct pleasure to work with the FFT Fellows as the leadership director of the FACET-sponsored Summer Institute. Due to this experience and interest, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work on a statewide FACET project that seeks to bring together new faculty from the IU campuses either physically or electronically, or both, in order to facilitate networking across campuses and to illuminate the resources and advantages of being a faculty member in the IU system.

Campus Updates

Online Peer Review Training
October 19th
Indiana University Southeast
Please contact the ILTE (web-ilte@ius.edu)

IUE Annual Faculty Luncheon
October 25th from 11-2pm in the Community Room. Please contact Edy Helton (edhelton@iue.edu) for more information.

Associate Faculty and Lecturers’ Conference: November 9-10, 2012 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.

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.

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