From the desk of Robin

As FACET Director, I have made it a high priority to schedule campus visits. Thus far this semester, Kimberly Olivares (Assistant Director of FACET for Strategic Outreach) and I have visited the Southeast, Fort Wayne, and Northwest campuses. We have already scheduled a visit to South Bend and hope to add Kokomo in the spring. During these campus visits, Kimberly and I typically meet with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or other administrators, the FACET campus liaison(s), the director of the campus center for teaching and learning, and FACET members. Our campus visits allow us to share statewide FACET events such as our Journal on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (JoSoTL), our Journal of Teaching and Learning with Technology (JoTLT), our upcoming Quick Hits, and upcoming events such as FALCON, Under the Scholar’s Tree, and our Retreat. These visits also allow us the opportunity to hear from FACET members about teaching and learning issues on their campus. Such discussions are important if FACET is to be an effective advocate for excellence in teaching and learning across IU. If there are particular issues on your campus or if you would like to suggest topics for FACET consideration, please feel free to contact the statewide office. We are happy to schedule a campus visit, answer your emails, or talk with you one-on-one.

Update from Beth Kern

On Friday, November 8th, the FALCON conference will offer “SoTL 101” as a pre-conference session from 9 to noon. This interactive session will be of benefit to those who want feedback about their students’ learning for their own use to improve a course as well as those who are contemplating trying to publish research about teaching and learning. This session is designed to provide a broad overview of the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). It will focus on both why one might want to engage in SoTL work as well as how to get started. Participants will work to articulate questions based on the learning that occurs in their classes and will learn about the basic components of executing a project. Participants will also delve into what strategies can be employed for assessing their students’ learning as well as articulating their findings for others. Session leaders will be Gwynn Mettetal, Professor of Education and Psychology at IUSB and Director of the University Center for Excellence in Teaching (UCET) and Beth Kern, Associate Director of FACET for the Mack Center for Inquiry on Teaching and Learning. If you would like to attend this pre-conference event, please follow this link: http://go.iu.edu/83V or contact the FACET office for more information. There is a fee of $50 and that includes lunch and materials.

FALCON 2013: November 8-10, 2013 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. This is FACET’s first foray into the national conference scene so please help us reach our goals: Share the call and conference information with your contacts. Registration is open: http://go.iu.edu/83V

Planning Ahead:

2014 Retreat: May 16-17 at Sheraton City Centre in Indianapolis, IN.

Other News:

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

The FACET Staff met recently with Jennifer Piurek and April Toler from IU Communications. There are plans underway to highlight the fantastic work done by FACET members around the state. YOU may be contacted for quotes, or to tell your FACET or SoTL story. In the meantime, if you have ideas on stories that would highlight the FACET connection, please contact the FACET staff at facet@iu.edu. Thank you for your cooperation as we try to put FACET in front of the broader university audience.

Special thanks to those of you who have supported FACET’s mission with a gift or pledge to the annual fund. If you would like more information on how to support continued excellence in teaching and learning, please contact Kimberly Olivares, Assistant Director of FACET for Strategic Outreach at 317.274.0086.