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 excerpt from FACET Mission

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

### From the desk of Robin



The 2014 Statewide Selection Committee, chaired by Sue Hendricks ('05), met on March 7th for a grueling, daylong review of dossiers. I want to personally thank the members of all selection committees, those on the individual campuses and those on the statewide selection committee.

Without your work, FACET would not continue to be the vibrant organization that it is.

A total of 23 dossiers made it to the committee and were reviewed. By the end of the day, 15 new FACET members had been selected. Please join me in congratulating our newest members: Alysa Lambert (IUS), Hitesh Kathuria (IUE), Natalia Rybas (IUE), Adam Dircksen (IPFW), Kent Kauffman (IPFW), Karen Alfrey (IUPUI), Laura Romito (IUPUI), Jennifer Connor-Zachocki (IUPUI), Jason VanAlstine (IUK), David Blouin (IUSB), Enrique Galindo (IUB), Israel Fernando Herrera (IUB), Elizabeth Housworth (IUB), Linda Galocy (IUN), Kevin McElmurry (IUN). Registration is now open for our 26th Annual FACET Retreat (<http://go.iu.edu/aCS>). Please make a point of joining us for a weekend of rejuvenation, connecting with our colleagues, and sharing best practices in teaching. The Retreat provides us a wonderful opportunity for engaging new members and demonstrating why participation in FACET is so important.

### Selection Updates

What is it like to serve on the FACET statewide selection committee? If I had to sum up the experience in one word, it would be, “humbling,” oh, and also, “inspiring,” or maybe “invigorating.” Every one of the applicants to FACET that reaches the statewide committee has completed an amazing body of work dedicated to cultivating teaching excellence.

The FACET membership will formally induct 15 of the very best this May. I hope that you cultivate a conversation with a new member this May at the Retreat—I think you may also feel humbled and inspired.

This marks my last year chairing the statewide selection committee, and it is time for new FACET faculty to step on to the committee. I think that this change is vital: the experience of reviewing FACET dossiers enhances one’s teaching and learning, broadens and deepens one’s appreciation of other’s work, and reminds us about some of “what really matters” in our roles as a faculty member. This is shared work, and should also be shared pleasure and enrichment. I hope that many of you will consider working on one of the selection committees or in completing a peer review of a colleague’s work.

Engagement in FACET is like being a part of a community of connoisseurs—we may have different tastes, focus areas, and experiences, but what we share is more critical. We are all dedicated to the art, and many to the science of exceptional teaching and learning. For me, each experience has opened up avenues for self-reflection and ideas for my own improvement.

### Campus Updates

Midwest SoTL Conference: April 11th at IUSB with our very own, Carol Hostetter, as keynote. Please use this link for more information: <https://www.iusb.edu/ucet/events/sotl/index.php>

2014 Retreat: May 16-17 at Sheraton City Centre in Indianapolis, IN. The theme is *REnew, REtool, REflect, REinvigorate*. Please follow this link to registrar: <http://go.iu.edu/aCT>

#### Planning Ahead:

2014 Under the Scholar’s Tree: September 26, 2014 on the IUPUI Campus as well as by videobridge on each IU campus. The title is “*Lecturing is Dead: Long Live the Lecture.*” Please mark your calendars, registration will open in July 2014.

2014 FALCON: November 6-8, 2014 at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre. Details will be forthcoming.

2015 Retreat: May 15-16, 2014 at Potawatomi Inn in Angola State Park. Plan on staying Sunday to enjoy the park.

#### Other News:

**Quick Hits Teaching Tips for Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers** Call for Submissions is now open. Please visit <http://go.iu.edu/a56> for more information. Please share this call broadly with your colleagues.

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](mailto:facet@iu.edu).