



“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation....”

excerpt from FACET Mission

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

### From the desk of Robin



As you begin your last classes before finals, I wanted to update you on FACET activities. The Statewide Steering

Committee (SSC) met in November prior to the newly renamed FACET Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers' Conference – FALCON). During the SSC meeting, the theme for this year's FACET Retreat was announced; learn more about the retreat by reading the middle column in our newsletter, written by Don Coffin ('90) who is co-chairing with Linda Wright Bower ('99). Please make plans to attend the retreat as it will be our 25th! It would be great to see a strong representation from each of our FACET classes. All submissions for the retreat will undergo a review process; we are encouraging panel discussions and presentations on SoTL work at the retreat as well as our more typical presentations focused on rejuvenation and sharing teaching ideas. Selection dossiers from each of the campuses are also beginning to arrive at the FACET office. The Statewide Selection Committee, chaired by Sue Hendricks ('05), will be meeting on March 1st to review dossiers and make final decisions. Finally, I wanted to ensure all of our members knew that Kimberly Olivares in the FACET office has a new title. Beginning in November, Kimberly now serves as the Assistant Director of FACET for Strategic Outreach.

### Retreat Updates

The pace of change in higher education seems to be accelerating. Virtually every week, we can read of a new initiative being undertaken for the purpose of making what may be radical changes in the structure, organization, and delivery of higher education.

Reading between the lines, much of this seems to be driven by two forces. First, tuition has increased much faster than prices in general. The issue becomes how to raise productivity in higher education so that the price—tuition—does not rise so fast. Second, state support for higher education has been declining, in many cases dramatically. So the pressures for change, major change, radical change, in the delivery of higher education are strong and are likely, if anything to grow stronger.

But from our side, change also seems desirable. As we focus how we think about teaching more directly on student learning, we are likely to have to un-learn much of what we thought we knew about how to foster learning. The 25th Annual FACET Retreat theme is *The Drive To Learn: Navigating the Changing Terrain of Higher Education*. The planning committee hopes this theme will elicit proposals on a variety of topics relating to the changing terrain and how our roles as leaders in education will change and morph with this new terrain while still remaining grounded in sound pedagogical design and focused on student learning. Please look for the call for proposals in your inbox soon.

### Campus Updates

IU Kokomo FACET & CTLA host their annual Pre-Spring Faculty Development Day. The theme is *Why Won't They Talk? Using Discussion to Facilitate Student Engagement and Learning* featuring Jay Howard, Butler University on January 4th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. This event is open to non-IUK faculty but space is limited. Please register by Dec 17th at: <http://www.iuk.edu/academics/ctla/forms/crsform.shtml>

#### *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](mailto:facet@iu.edu). The calendar can be viewed here: <https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/index.shtml>

#### *Just a heads 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.