



“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation....”

excerpt from FACET Mission

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

From the desk of Robin



As we approach the 25th Annual FACET Retreat, I have been reflecting – isn't that what FACET members do? – on the unique characteristics of a FACET member. Serving as the Chair of the Statewide Selection Committee for many years before becoming FACET Director, I have read literally hundreds of FACET dossiers. Two characteristics distinguish those candidates who were awarded FACET membership: Documented excellence in teaching and a willingness to take risks in the pursuit of teaching excellence. I would like to see FACET members on each campus, working alongside the campus centers for teaching and learning, adopt hybrid and online teaching modalities, as well as tools such as Adobe Connect, eTexts, and gaming in their teaching, reflecting on what works and what doesn't, and providing direct evidence of student learning. This innovation can be shared across campuses through workshops and via publishing the results of these studies in our newest FACET journal, the *Journal on Teaching and Learning with Technology*. FACET members can lead the way in developing best practices in utilizing new technologies in the area of teaching and learning. These efforts allow FACET members to provide a useful service to IU, the broader teaching community, and – perhaps most importantly – to our students.

Teaching Updates

How many adjunct faculty and lecturers are on your campus? What is the percentage of classes in your discipline taught by adjunct faculty and lecturers? When was the last time you assisted an adjunct faculty member or a lecturer in improving their teaching? This November, the 18th Annual FACET Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers' Conference (FALCON) will provide a three day conference focused completely on the needs of adjunct faculty and lecturers. For the first time, this conference will be open to participants from outside IU. A core group of dedicated individuals, led by Jon Becker ('02), Chair of FALCON, has been busy developing the program, securing presenters, sponsors, and exhibitors. They have also developed an Outstanding Lecturer/Adjunct Faculty Award and an Outstanding Poster Award for the conference.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please think about what information you need to be successful in the classroom and submit a proposal for presenting a workshop. Also, think about ideas for a poster presentation. This would be a wonderful opportunity to work with an adjunct faculty member, encouraging them to attend FALCON and to present a poster relating to their teaching. The deadline for submissions has been changed to June 1, 2013. For additional information about FALCON, please read through the information on our website: <https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/FALCON/index.shtml>

Campus Updates

Future Faculty Teaching Fellows Summer Institute will be held on July 12 - 14, 2013 at Indianapolis Marriott East. This event is offered in conjunction with IU's Graduate School. Once again, Julie Saam ('06) will be leading the institute.

Under the Scholar's Tree (formerly the "Lilly House") will be held on September 27, 2013. The topic will be "*Challenges Confronting Higher Education in the Technology Age.*" Please mark your calendars now so you are able to join this very timely conversation.

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. Call for proposals is available at <https://facet.indiana.edu/events-programs/FALCON/call-for-proposals.shtml>. The deadline for proposals is June 1, 2013.

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>