



“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation....”

excerpt from FACET Mission

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

From the desk of Robin



Last May, we held our 25th Annual Retreat in French Lick. For those who were able to attend, the weekend was filled with great conversation and a chance to meet new members as well as connect with FACET friends from other campuses. The Retreat also provided a chance for many of us to reflect on the importance of FACET over our first 25 years and what we hope FACET will become over the next 25 years. Higher education has changed tremendously in 25 years and it would be fair to suggest that the next 25 years will see equally significant change. What FACET contributes is truly up to the individual members of FACET. As we have grown over the past 25 years, we have focused more on the scholarship of teaching and learning thereby ensuring that what we do leads to greater student learning and we have focused on advocating for excellence in relation to teaching and student learning. FACET members are active on their individual campuses, across the state, and across the nation in these endeavors. I would encourage all FACET members to contact the FACET office staff or me with additional suggestions for how FACET can uniquely serve to enhance teaching and student learning. There is a suggestion box (form) on the FACET home page if you wish to use that to submit ideas.

Teaching Updates

Are you using an eText in your class? Have you considered using an eText in your classroom? IU is fortunate to have agreements with many publishers allowing eTexts to be used with a reduced cost to students. Although eTexts will not be appropriate or available for every class, there are many benefits to using an eText at IU. Benefits include saving students money through negotiated publisher discounts, the possibility of utilizing non-text materials to supplement course textbooks, and immediate access to learning materials for all students. In addition, faculty can add notes and collaborate with students directly within the eText, thereby providing targeted, contextual help to student questions. During the fall semester, FACET will be partnering with the campus teaching and learning centers to assist in providing faculty workshops addressing faculty experiences with eTexts. If you are interested in attending such a discussion or would like to share your experiences with using eTexts, please contact your campus FACET liaison or the FACET office staff. You may check to see if your text is available through the eText program on OneStart. Under ‘Services,’ click on ‘Faculty Systems’ to your left. The ‘View eTexts by Publisher’ link is under Curriculum Management on the left side of the page.

Campus Updates

Under the Scholar’s Tree (formerly the “Lilly House”) will be held on September 27, 2013 from 1 - 3:30 pm at IUPUI, CE 409. The topic will be “*Challenges Confronting Higher Education in the Technology Age.*” George Rehrey will facilitate our discussion. Space is limited to the first 30 people to register so move quickly. There is \$25 registration fee. Please register at: <http://go.iu.edu/83W>

All Centers Meeting: October 25, 2013 from 10am - 3pm. This meeting will bring together the staff and leadership of each of the 8 IU centers for teaching and learning to discuss pertinent topics.

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.

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>

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.