



Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (Section VIII-D) 2016-2017 Annual Summary Report to Senate

Summary of Meetings

The FCTL Advisory Board met twice during the academic year 2016-2017. The first meeting was held on October 18, 2016 from 3:0-4:00 p.m. and the second on February 27, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Both meetings were held in CB1-205. Travis Jewett, College of Medicine, served as chair this year.

Summary of Issues or Topics Addressed

The committee was informed about

- New duties for Melody Bowdon, Executive Director of the Faculty Center and Associate Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies
- New FCTL model for Faculty Fellows (seven positions this year)
- New instructional specialist hire in December—Amanda Wolcott, Ph.D. in I/O Psych.
- Continued success of Faculty Center's program, "Student Consultants on Teaching"
- Goals for virtual faculty development
- Status of new learning spaces (CB1-220)
- Changes to FCTL's Institutional Effectiveness Plan
- Strategies for Advisory Board involvement
- New conference co-hosted by UCF and USF, The Sunshine State Teaching and Learning Conference

The committee reviewed and discussed Faculty Center regular programming:

- New Faculty Orientation: about 160 new faculty in attendance
- Winter Faculty Development Conference: themed on dealing with difficult moments in the classroom
- Summer Faculty Development Conference: themed on the new high-impact practices for integrative learning
- Faculty Learning Communities, Writing Groups, Book Clubs, and Course Innovation Projects themed on active learning, open educational resources, and student engagement
- Adjunct Orientations and adjunct programming
- GTA Orientations and GTA programming
- Teaching and Learning Days (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Transparency in Higher Education)

The committee reviewed and discussed Faculty Center involvement with several initiatives:

- Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Universities
- University Innovation Alliance
- Development of Downtown Campus
- Educational Advisory Board
- Foundations of Excellence
- Reimagining First Year Experience
- Scholarship for Teaching and Learning
- QEP
- Student Accessibility Services

Committee members convened to select the University Excellence Awards for Teaching and for Undergraduate Advising. The committee reviewed Faculty Center efforts to solicit faculty input regarding instructional needs and to provide instructional support and faculty development.

Recommendations/Outcomes

Committee members were invited to participate in focus groups regarding EAB progress reporting procedures. They gave updates on several initiatives such as Classroom Technology, Tech Fee, QEP, Service-Learning, Library programming, online teaching, and Writing Across the Curriculum.