



**Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (Section VIII-D)  
2017-2018 Annual Summary Report to Senate**

**Summary of Meetings**

The FCTL Advisory Board met twice during the academic year 2017-2018. The first meeting was held on October 24, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and the second on March 6, 2018 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Both meetings were held in CB1-205. Jacqueline Towson, College of Health and Public Affairs, served as chair this year.

**Summary of Issues or Topics Addressed**

The committee was informed about

- FCTL's contributions to the General Education Refresh within UCF's Division of Teaching and Learning
- FCTL's role in the Course Redesign Initiative with CDL
- FCTL's role in the Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research University Initiatives
- Continued success of Faculty Center's program, "Student Consultants on Teaching" and the program's role in the STEM teaching/observation initiative from the Helmsley grant.
- Status of Learning Spaces initiative with CDL and OIR for the Sandbox classroom, the refit of the rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Classroom Building One, as well as the downtown campus.
- Updates on FCTL's Institutional Effectiveness Plan
- Strategies for Advisory Board involvement
- Second annual 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 110 new faculty in attendance
- Winter Faculty Development Conference: themed on General Education and Integrative Learning
- Summer Faculty Development Conference: themed on Course Redesign for Transformational Teaching
- Faculty Learning Communities, Writing Groups, Book Clubs, and Course Innovation Projects themed on active learning spaces, improving student approaches to learning, and dealing with Secondary Trauma.
- Adjunct Orientations and adjunct programming
- GTA Orientations and GTA programming
- Teaching and Learning Days on the topics of virtual reality in higher education, service learning, and evidence-based learning.

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

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

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.