

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (Section VIII-D) 2018-2019 Annual Summary Report to Senate

Summary of Meetings

The FCTL Advisory Board met twice during the academic year 2018-2019. The first meeting was held on October 24, 2018 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and the second on February 20, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Both meetings were held in CB1-205. Jason Chestnut, UCF Connect, served as chair this year.

Summary of Issues or Topics Addressed

The committee was informed about

- Changes in FCTL staffing: Dr. Ann Miller as Interim Director, Julie Donnelly and Landon Berry, postdocs hired to fill in for vacancies.
- General Education Refresh within UCF's Division of Teaching and Learning
- Course Redesign Initiative with CDL and OIR
- Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research University Initiatives
- Faculty Center's program, "Student Consultants on Teaching"
- Status of Learning Spaces initiative with CDL and OIR for the Sandbox classroom, the refit of the rooms on the 3rd floor of Classroom Building One, as well as the downtown campus.
- Updates on FCTL's Institutional Effectiveness Plan
- Strategies for Advisory Board involvement
- Third 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 150 new faculty in attendance
- Winter Faculty Development Conference: 53 participants; the theme was Transparency and Authenticity in Teaching and Learning
- Summer Faculty Development Conference: over 200 participants overall, and the theme was Evidence-based Teaching and Learning.
- Faculty Learning Communities, Writing Groups, Book Clubs, and Course Innovation Projects themed on active learning spaces, active learning pedagogies, writing to learn and peer review of writing, role immersion pedagogies, integrative teaching and learning, course transparency, and evidence-based teaching and learning.
- Adjunct Orientations and adjunct programming
- GTA Orientations and GTA programming
- Nine Teaching and Learning Days on various topics; attendance varies between 20 and 40 faculty members each.

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

- Virtual Reality as a teaching tool
- FCTL website redesign and migration
- Senate SPoI review
- Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Universities
- University Innovation Alliance

- Downtown Campus
- Scholarship for Teaching and Learning
- QEF
- 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.