



Faculty Center for Teaching

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Programming and Workshops

In September 2015, the Faculty Center for Teaching (FCT) hosted an Open House event where faculty were invited to provide input and suggestions as to what sorts of development programming they would like FCT to offer. A summary report of those findings was shared with the faculty in early October. The ideas generated at that session served to drive much of FCT's campus-wide programming choices this year.

In addition, FCT continued its work with regard to New Faculty Orientation (NFO). This year the campus community welcomed more than twenty new faculty and NFO programming was designed to best serve our new colleagues. NFO programming begins with a full-day workshop in late August where faculty are given the opportunity to meet each other, to engage with key campus constituents, discuss Muhlenberg policies and teaching practices, and to discuss their research and scholarship goals and aspirations. NFO programming continues through the academic year with specialized programming offered monthly for first and second year faculty members.

FCT collaborated with Dean Kathleen Harring to facilitate/organize a one-day Cluster Workshop on May 17th, 2016 (sponsored by the Provost's Office).

A complete listing of FCT programming for AY 2015 – 2016 follows:

Tuesday, August 25	New Faculty Orientation (NFO)
Wednesday, August 26	FCT Board Retreat
Wednesday, September 16	Open House + Wine + Cheese Event
Thursday, September 16	NFO: Informal Advising
Thursday, October 8	Examining Trigger Warnings
Wednesday, November 4	NFO: Peer Partner Dinner
Tuesday, November 17	Stuck in the Middle of the Academic Ladder?
Friday, November 20	Continuing Conversations for Cluster Faculty



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Friday, December 4	NFO: 2 nd or 3 rd Time Taught
Thursday, December 10	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Social
Wednesday, January 27 th	NFO: College Service and Committee Service
Monday, February 1 st	Christopher P. Long: Lunchtime Workshop: Creating an Academic Identity in the Digital Age Evening Presentation: Tweeting the Liberal Arts
Tuesday, February 16 th	NFO: Teaching Evaluation for Annual Self-Assessment
Thursday, February 18 th	Scholarship Sharing Session
Wednesday, March 2 nd	NFO: Scholarship and Professional Activity Evaluation for Annual Self-Assessment
Tuesday, March 15 th	Reading the Texts
Monday, March 21 st	NFO: Discussion and Analysis of the Faculty Handbook
Wednesday, April 6 th	Strategies for Teaching and Discussing Issues of Power, Equality, Justice, and Academic Freedom
Friday, April 29 th	Student Panel on Effective Teaching Practices Experienced at Muhlenberg

Additional details and information about these programs can be found at <http://www.muhenberg.edu/main/aboutus/fct/upcomingevents/>.

Teaching Grants and Support for Conference Travel

FCT has continued to work with the Provost, FDSC, and the Writing Program to ensure clarity and coordination in providing summer funding opportunities for faculty development.



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In academic year 2015 – 2016, FCT funded Small Groups Grants for five collaborative projects involving seventeen faculty members. FCT awarded four pedagogical development grants for the summer of 2016. The FCT board also reviewed eight applications for new course development grants and submitted recommendations pertaining to those applications to the Provost's Office.

Recipients of Summer Grants and Small Group Grants from this cycle will participate in a future session to share their work with the campus community.

FCT continued to provide up to \$500 in support for faculty participation in teaching conferences or workshops and made eleven awards this fiscal year. Additionally, the FCT budget provided support for Linda McGuire to attend the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education.

Resources

A listing of books in the FCT collection can be accessed through our website: (http://library.muhlenberg.edu/search/X?SEARCH=%28*%29&SORT=D&b=ofa). or search for titles at the Library website. We also continue our subscription to *The Teaching Professor* for faculty and staff use.

Staffing

Beginning in AY 2016 – 2017, Linda McGuire (Mathematics & Computer Science) will begin a term of service as Director of FCT. Cathy Kim (Education) will serve as Assistant Director. Board members include Michael Allocca (Mathematics & Computer Science), James Bloom (English), Benjamin Carter (Sociology & Anthropology), Christine Ingersoll (Chemistry), and Daniel Leisawitz (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures). The FCT Director reports to Dean Kathleen Harring. Complete information about the organizational structure of FCT can be found at <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/aboutus/fct/organizationalstructure/>.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of FCT,

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