

Date: September 2018
 To: Faculty Senate
 From: Mark Biermann, Provost
 Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2017-2018

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Academic Year 2017-2018**

1. Office of the Provost

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<p>Fall Faculty Workshop “Integrating Academic and Career Development”</p> <p>Stephen Teske, Ph.D, research consultant for EAB (formerly known as Education Advisory Board), gave the keynote address, entitled “Strategies to Scale Experiential Learning and Reflection Across the Curriculum.” Breakout sessions presented by Valpo faculty and staff featured discussions about employer expectations and developing soft skills, vocational discernment and career counseling, embedded career development, internships, and senior design courses.</p>	8/17/17	250 (est.)
<p>Spring Faculty Workshop “Study Abroad: Choose Your Own Adventure!”</p> <p>This end-of-year workshop included updates and discussion about current study abroad programs and initiatives as well as activities to get faculty thinking about study abroad courses that they might design and lead.</p>	5/21/18	150
<p>Cambridge Seminar</p> <p>This 10-day trip to Cambridge, England for new tenure-track faculty focuses on the Lutheran heritage of Valpo and on becoming a member of an academic community. Associate Professor Jim Stuck of the College of Business served as the senior faculty mentor for the group.</p>	5/22-31/18	9

New Chairs Workshop	8/17/17	3
Associate Provost Rick Gillman facilitated a workshop for new department chairs in conjunction with the Fall Faculty Workshop.		

LECNA Fellows Program, Residential Leadership Retreat	June 2018	1
This 12-month leadership enrichment program for faculty and staff at Lutheran organizations and institutions begins with a 10-day summer seminar. Kevin Goebbert, associate professor of meteorology and Faculty Senate chair, was selected for the summer 2018 program.		

2. VITAL

Workshops

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| “Difficult Dialogues in the Classroom” | 1/8/18 | 22 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Libby Roderick, University of Alaska ○ Co-sponsored with the Office of Inclusion and Student Success Services | | |
| “Promoting the Academic Success of Students with Significant Anxiety or Depression” | 1/17/18 | 30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Stewart Cooper, director of Counseling Services, and Lori Miltenberger, staff therapist | | |
| “Faculty Learning Community (FLC) Forum” | 4/23/18 | 14 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by two FLC groups | | |

Faculty Learning Communities

Two Faculty Learning Communities met all year to discuss best practices, articles and books, as well as their own experiences in implementing these pedagogies in their classrooms:

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| FLC 1: Small Teaching | biweekly | 9 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Associate Professor Melissa Desjarlais (Department of Mathematics and Statistics) | | |
| FLC 2: Classroom to Career: Integrating Career-Ready Skills into the Curriculum | biweekly | 10 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Professor Martin Buinicki (Department of English) and the IN_Advance team | | |

Two other FLC’s met for limited sessions.

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| How to Speak Lutheran in Four Easy Lessons | 4 sessions | 9 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offered to recent Cambridge Seminar faculty ○ Led by Mel Piehl, Christ College Senior Research Professor | | |

Summer FLC on Writing Grant Proposals	7 sessions	10
○ Met June-July 2018		
○ Led by Cynthia Rutz, director of Faculty Development, and Rasha Abed, associate director of Sponsored Research		

Faculty Writing Circle

Each semester, as well as during the summer, faculty met to help each other with their writing.

○ Fall 2017	10 sessions	8
○ Spring 2018	14 sessions	13
○ Summer 2018	12 sessions	16

Professorial Lectures

“Do You Mate Randomly? The Biology of Mate Choice”	10/19/17	49
○ Presented by Professor Rob Swanson (Department of Biology)		
“Title IX Rhetoric: The Fight for Equity in College Sports”	11/16/17	42
○ Presented by Professor Kelly Belanger (Department of English)		
“The Protestant Encounter with Modern Architecture”	2/15/18	54
○ Presented by Professor Gretchen Buggeln (Christ College)		
“Using Things You Can’t See to Study Things You Can’t See”	3/22/18	42
○ Presented by Professor Andrew Richter (Department of Physics and Astronomy)		

Instructional Design

- Facilitated the Department of Social Work end-of-year program review.
- Assisted with various syllabus, assignment, and Blackboard sessions with faculty.
- Provided classroom observations for several new faculty.
- Met with first year faculty in both the fall and spring semester for check-in purposes.
- Assisted with Criterion 3 document preparation, and met with HLC visit team.
- Provided start-up support to MS PA Program.
- Assisted with the OIP International Student Orientation.
- Helped facilitate the Academic Administrative Assistant Workshop.

Online Course Certification

- Assisted STEM Teach instructors with course conversions.

Orientation for Teaching Support	8/16/17	31
This yearly orientation introduces all new full-time faculty to resources to help them with their teaching and research. Provost Office staff, library faculty, the Academic Success Center director, the Writing Center director, and VITAL staff made presentations.		
Orientation on the Essential Character of the University	8/21/17	30
This yearly orientation is for new full-time faculty. Topics for the morning session included an introduction to “Our Common Pursuit” by President Heckler, Mission and Ministry, the Valpo Writing Program, internationalization, and our Lutheran founding story.		
Fall New Faculty Dinner/Discussion	10/23/17	18
Reading: Chapter 5, “How Do They Conduct Class,” from Ken Bain’s book <i>What the Best College Teachers Do</i> . The discussion includes recent Valpo Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.		
Spring New Faculty Dinner/Discussion	2/28/18	14
Reading: Chapter 7 (on President O.P. Kretzmann) from Richard Baepler’s history of VU, <i>Flame of Faith, Lamp of Learning</i> .		
Mentoring Program for Second and Third Year Faculty	Various dates	
During this two-year program, the Cambridge Seminar group continued to meet regularly both as a group and individually with their mentor. Four groups met this year.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Year Cohorts – Senior Faculty Mentors Betsy Burow-Flak and George Pati 		13 members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Year Cohorts – Senior Faculty Mentors Stacy Hoult-Saros and David Scupham 		22 members

3. CELT and CWR Grants

<u>Committee to Enhance Learning and Teaching (CELT) Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
May 2017		
Travel Grants (for travel July 1 – Oct. 31, 2017)	8	\$7,500
September 2017		
Travel Grants (for travel Nov. 1, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018)	6	\$5,757
January 2018		
Travel Grants (for travel March 1 – June 30, 2018)	10	\$9,231

October 2017

Teaching/Learning Grants (for spring 2018)	2	\$1,773
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April 2018

Teaching/Learning Grants (for summer and fall 2018)	5	\$4,725
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**Creative Work and Research Committee
(CWRC) Grants****Fall 2017**

Summer Research Fellowships	6	\$21,000
Undergraduate Research Grants	15 students	\$5,409
University Research Grants		
o Kapfer	1	\$4,000
o Univ. Research Professorship	2	\$8,000
o Wheat Ridge	2	\$20,000

Spring 2018

Expense Grants	4	\$3,810
Undergraduate Research Grants	15 students	\$4,591

4. Valparaiso University Writing Program**Workshops or Seminars:**

Core Fall Workshop	8/15/17	38
Core Curriculum Committee/Director/Core 105 Meetings and Consultations	15 different dates	8
WIC Faculty Workshop	11/9/17	12
WIC Faculty Seminar	10/10/17 11/1/17 11/14/17 11/28/17 12/17/17	2
Writing in the Arts Workshop	1/8/18	25
Core Spring Workshop	1/9/18	36
Peer Review Workshop	5/30/18	18
Online Eli Review Faculty Development	5/14-18/18 6/11-15/18 7/23-27/18	6

WIC Workshop: Writing in Health Sciences	6/20/18	6
Core and WIC Assessment Workshop	6/12/18 6/13/18	8
Faculty Consultations:		48
Lilly Fellows, WIC	8/23/17	
Department of Political Science and International Relations, WIC	9/7/17	
Department of Psychology, WID	9/18/17	
Faculty Senate, WID	10/15/17	
Department of Communication, WIC	10/26/17	
Organic Chemistry	11/3/17	
Health Sciences faculty, WIC	11/8/17	
Organic Chemistry	11/10/17	
Department of Psychology, WID	12/14/17	
WAVES, grant writing	1/16/18 1/23/18	
Department of Psychology	2/23/18	
College of Engineering	4/11/18	
Department of English, WIC	4/19/18	
Professional Writing, WIC	4/20/18	
TESOL	4/23/18	