

Date: September 2021
To: Faculty Senate
From: Eric Johnson, Provost
Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2020-2021

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1. Office of the Provost

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Fall Faculty Workshop The fall workshop focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion issues, how to support students with their educational planning; and changes in Title IX regulations. Associate Provost Stacey Miller and the Presidential Commission for an Inclusive Valparaiso Community (CIVC) shared several updates about equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives on campus and led discussions on how to support students as they returned to campus from a summer of national activism.	8/13/20	virtual
Core Workshop This two-day workshop helped faculty learn essential information about Core texts and writing assignments. Facilitated by Core Director Lisa Jennings.	8/10-11/20	virtual
Spring Faculty Workshop The theme of the spring workshop was “Valparaiso University - Post-Covid” and included discussions on how faculty mental health and work was affected by the past year, what we might expect in the fall regarding our incoming class of students, what technologies and pedagogical techniques we want to continue, and what we need to do to continue to support faculty work and relationships.	5/17/21	virtual

2. VITAL

Cambridge Seminar

No Cambridge Seminar was held this year. The Cambridge Seminar is suspended at this time.

May 2021 Canceled

Faculty Learning Communities

One Faculty Learning Community met all year to discuss best practices, articles and books, as well as their own experiences.

FLC 1: Small Teaching Online

- Led by Coleen Wilder (College of Business) and Melissa Desjarlais (Department of Mathematics & Statistics)

Biweekly 7

Faculty Writing Circle

The Faculty Writing Circle was canceled due to COVID.

Professorial Lectures

All professorial lectures were canceled due to COVID.

Orientation for Teaching Support

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.

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Fall New Faculty Dinner/Discussion

This event was held virtually via Zoom due to COVID. New faculty read and discussed via Perusall: Chapter 5, “How Do They Conduct Class,” from Ken Bain’s book *What the Best College Teachers Do*. The discussion included recent Valpo Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.

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Spring New Faculty Dinner/Discussion

This event was canceled due to COVID.

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 2020		
Travel Grants (for travel July 1 – Oct. 31, 2020)	0	Canceled due to budget and COVID travel restrictions

September 2020

Travel Grants (for travel Nov. 1, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021)	0	Canceled due to budget and COVID travel restrictions
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January 2021

Travel Grants (for travel March 1 – June 30, 2021)	0	Canceled due to budget and COVID travel restrictions
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October 2020

Teaching/Learning Expense Grants (for spring 2021)	0	Canceled due to budget restrictions
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February 2021

Summer Teaching and Learning Fellowships (for summer 2021)	0	Canceled due to budget restrictions
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Excellence in Teaching Award	1	\$3,000
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<u>Creative Work and Research Committee (CWRC) Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
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Fall 2020

Summer Research Fellowships	0	Canceled due to budget restrictions
Undergraduate Research Grants	2 students	\$1,000
University Research Grants		
o Kapfer (awarded biennially)	0	Non-award year
o Univ. Research Professorship	2	\$8,000
o Wheat Ridge	0	Canceled due to budget restrictions

Spring 2021

Expense Grants	0	Canceled due to budget restrictions
Undergraduate Research Grants	3 students	\$1,385
Faculty-Sponsored Student Creative Work and Research Awards (NEW)	7 faculty	\$6,700

Excellence in Research and Creative Work Award	1	\$3,000
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4. Valparaiso University Writing Program**Workshops, Committees, or Seminars**

- Core Fall Faculty Workshop 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Aug. 2020	24

• Search to hire new Writing Center Coordinator, including faculty committee representing Colleges of Business, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, and Nursing/Health Professions	August 2020	4
• Writing in the Disciplines Program Implementation (continued)	Aug.-Nov. 2020-2021	Campus-wide
• New faculty orientation talk on service of Writing Center	Aug. 2020 and 2021	16
• Core Curriculum Committee (monthly)	Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2021	3
• Director consultations via University Writing Center to provide support for student writing	Aug. 2020-Aug. 2021	
• Workshops (7 total) to model and facilitate peer review	Oct. 2020 – April 2021	18 (x7)
• Fall Core, WIC, WID certification workshops (5, 1-hour workshops)	Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2020	7
• Core Spring Workshop 2021	Jan. 2021	25
• Spring Core, WIC, WID certification workshops (5, 1-hour workshops)	Feb. 2021 – May 2021	6
• New business WID/professional writing course development, in collaboration with the College of Business, Professional Writing Program, and Library faculty	Spring 2021	5
• Assessment Workshops and Paper Scoring	May 2021 - Aug. 2021	12
• Summer Core, WIC, WID certification workshops (2, 1-hour workshops and 1, 3-hour workshop)	Aug. 2021	10
• Assessment Rubric Revision in collaboration with assessors	Aug. 2021	12
• Faculty outreach campaign (email, class visits, etc.)	Ongoing	
Faculty Consultations		
Ongoing consultations with departments and individual faculty	Ongoing	65

Digital Resources Upgrades

Ongoing project to update resources available on UWP and Writing Center websites

Ongoing

Core Program Support

Ongoing pedagogical support and collaboration with Core Director

Ongoing