



MEMORANDUM
Office of the Provost

Date: September 2022
To: Faculty Senate
From: Eric W. Johnson, Provost
Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2021-2022

**Report on Faculty Development Activities
Academic Year 2021-2022**

1. Office of the Provost

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Fall Faculty Workshop “On the Road to Building a Culturally Responsive Classroom and Curriculum” After a greeting by President Padilla, Kevin Goebbert and Joseph Bognar gave an interactive Strategic Planning presentation. Byron Martin, interim assistant vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion, presented a session titled, “On the Road to Building a Culturally Responsive Classroom and Curriculum.” Bharath Ganesh-Babu, special assistant to the provost for summer programs and enrollment, spoke about an online course sharing consortium and Allison Urbanczyk, university registrar, gave an Ellucian Self-Service demonstration.	8/19/21	250 (est.)
Spring Faculty Workshop “Lilly Camps Project and the Green Campus Initiative” This end-of-year workshop included discussions about the Lilly Camps Project and creating a more sustainable campus. Breakout sessions included the subjects of the campus waste audit, designing curriculum and experiences for high school students, pedagogy and curriculum related to ecological/environmental issues, and high-impact practices for students related to the environment and sustainability.	5/16/22	120

2.VITAL

Faculty Learning Communities

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

FLC 1: Eco-Pedagogy

- Led by Alberto Lopez-Martin (Department of World Languages & Cultures) and Giosue Alagna (Department of World Languages & Cultures)

biweekly

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FLC 2: Interdisciplinary Projects in Mathematics

- Led by Zsuzsanna Szaniszlo (Department of Mathematics and Statistics) and Jenna VanSickle (Lilly Program)

biweekly

13

FLC 3: Inclusive Excellence in STEM

- Led by Tom Goyne (Chemistry) and Jennifer Easthope (Executive Director for Retention)

biweekly

10

Faculty Writing Circle

Faculty meet roughly weekly to help each other with their writing.

- Fall 2021
- Spring 2022
- Summer 2022

7 sessions

7

10 sessions

7

12 sessions

9

Professorial Lectures

“From Light to Color: A Scientific Explanation of Poetry”

- Presented by Professor Carlos Miguel-Pueyo (World Languages & Cultures)

9/9/21

35

“German Cultural Memory and Gender in the Work of Gunter Grass”

- Presented by Professor Timothy Malchow (Department of World Languages & Cultures)

9/16/21

n/a

“The Law of Unintended Consequences in Epidemiology”

- Presented by Professor Daniel Maxin (Department of Mathematics & Statistics)

10/7/21

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“It’s All About Optimization”

- Presented by Professor Aysegul Yayimli (Department of Computing & Information Sciences)

11/4/21

n/a

“Reconstructing Sacred Space in the Post-Soviet Milieu: New Churches, New Ideologies?”

- Presented by Professor Nicholas Denysenko (Department of Theology)

11/11/21

n/a

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<p>“My Wintry Random Walk with Students: Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Craig Clark (Department of Geography & Meteorology) 	12/2/21	57
<p>“Connecting the dots...finding the patterns...revealing the science”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Teresa Bals-Elsholz (Department of Geography & Meteorology) 	2/21/22	67
<p>“Supply Chain Evolution: from 9/11 to COVID-19”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Sanjay Kumar (College of Business) 	2/28/22	30
<p>“TBD? How My Research Agenda Evolves Based on Politics at Home and Abroad”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Gregg Johnson (Department of Political Science & International Relations) 	3/24/22	50
<p>“What Really Counts: The Joy of Enumeration”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Lara Pudwell (Department of Mathematics & Statistics) 	4/14/22	64
<p>“Robotic Swarms: Are Robots Taking Over the World?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Sami Khorbotly (Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering) 	04/21/22	36
<p>Fall New Faculty Dinner/Discussion with Faculty Teaching Award Winners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Atchison, Department of Political Science, 2017 Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award • Jeff Doebler, Department of Music, 2020-21 Excellence in Teaching Award • Jennifer Marley, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering 	11/1/21	11
<p>New Faculty Holiday Gathering</p>	12/13/21	10
<p>Spring New Faculty Dinner/Discussion on Valpo’s History & Calling/Your Calling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated by Assistant Vice President for Mission & Spiritual Life Brian Beckstrom and Senior Research Professor and former Dean of Christ College Mel Piehl 	4/4/22	11
<p>New Faculty Panel on Getting Tenure at Valparaiso University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelists: Jon Kilpinen, Jon Bull, Jeff Doebler, Sanjay Kumar, Doug Tougaw 	4/25/22	

Date

Faculty Development Fellows Program

This new program helps highly motivated Valpo faculty spend a year learning more about the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) around a specific teaching/learning topic. The Fellow works with VITAL to share what they have learned with other faculty. The Fellow receives \$4,000 for a stipend, funds for books and meals, and funds for up to seven to attend the annual Midwest SoTL Conference in South Bend, IN.

This year's recipient (chosen by the CELT Committee) was Alberto Lopez Martin (Department of World Languages & Cultures). His project was Eco-Pedagogy - incorporating environmental issues into classes.

Two Major Outcomes:

1. **Midwest SoTL Conference, South Bend, IN** 4/1/22
 - Attendees: Cynthia Rutz, Kristi Bugajski, Alberto Lopez Martin, Zsuzsanna Szaniszló

2. **Teaching Resilience & Sustainability: An Interdisciplinary Eco-Pedagogy Workshop** 4/29/22
 - 25 attendees

Teaching Tip Tuesday Biweekly Newsletter

1/18 – 5/10/22 (8 issues)

VITAL collaborated with the new Office of Instructional Technology, Design, and Assessment (ITDA) on the newsletter which goes out to all faculty via email.

2. CELT and CWR Grants

<u>Committee to Enhance Learning and Teaching (CELT) Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
May 2021		
Travel Grants (for travel July 1 – Oct. 31, 2021)	None awarded due to COVID	\$0
October 2021		
Travel Grants (for travel Nov. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)	None awarded due to budget constraints	\$0
January 2022		
Travel Grants (for travel March 1 – June 30, 2022)	4	\$2,500
October 2021		
Teaching/Learning Expense Grants	2	\$1,350

(for spring 2022)

January 2022

Summer Teaching and Learning Fellowships (for summer 2022)	2	\$7,000
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Creative Work and Research Committee

(CWRC) Grants

Fall 2021

Summer Research Fellowships	2	\$7,000
Undergraduate Research Grants	9 students	\$4,395
University Research Grants		
o Kapfer (awarded biennially)	1	\$4,000
o Univ. Research Professorship	2	\$8,000
o Wheat Ridge	0	\$0

Spring 2022

Expense Grants	3	\$2,200
Undergraduate Research Grants	5 students	\$2,808

3. Valparaiso University Writing Program

Workshops, Committees, or Seminars

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
• University Writing Program Certification Workshop: Core, CC, WIC, WID	8/9, 8/11, 8/13 & weekly Oct. – Dec. 2021	14
• Core 110 Fall Faculty Workshop, writing assignments, and pedagogy, writing center overview	August 2021	20
• Core 115 Spring Faculty Workshop, writing assignments and pedagogy, writing center overview, cohort meetings	December 2021 & weekly Fall 2021	24
• Core Curriculum Committee, Spring 2022	Spring 2022, weekly	5
• Writing Center Faculty Fellowship: Program assessment and faculty development training	Spring 2022, Weekly	5
• Meeting and workshop with Core 115 faculty in pilot sections	Dec. 2021	5
• Orientation for professional and public writing majors and faculty		
• Capstone writing assignment planning and approval meetings with GEC, EPC, Senate, and English, chemistry, and psychology department faculty	Aug. 2021 – May 2022	Approx. 50

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• Writing in the Disciplines program implementation and update for 2022 – 2023 undergraduate catalog	Aug. 2021 – May 2022	Campus-wide
• New faculty orientation presentation on services provided by the Writing Center	Aug. 2021	16
• Workshops (5 total) to model and facilitate peer review (Writing Center)	Aug. 2021 – April 2022	18 (x5)
• Faculty outreach campaign (Writing Center) via email, class visits, etc.	Ongoing	
• Theology and English WIC Assessment Focus Groups and discussion of assessment data	April & May 2022	19
• Meetings to develop new Core Lab option for international students (collaboration with Language Resource Center, Core, and Writing Center)	Fall 2021	4
• New Business WID/Professional Writing course development, in collaboration with the College of Business, Professional Writing Program, and Library Faculty	Spring 2022	5
• Class observations and write-ups on writing pedagogy	Spring 2022	4
• Meeting with Bloom Program faculty and writing center consultants and center coordinator	June 2022	6
• “What Does My Professor Want in This Writing Assignment” panel presentation (faculty presenters and faculty attendees)	April 2022	6 (also 16 students attended)
• Mellon Foundation pre-proposal grant writing and consultation	May 2022	4
• VITAL affiliates and writing leadership meetings	Monthly	14
• Search to hire new Writing Center Coordinator and create training materials/online archive for future coordinators	June 2022	3
Faculty Consultations Consultations with departments and individual faculty throughout the year, including faculty teaching marketing, chemistry, psychology, criminology, and writing in health sciences	Ongoing	50+
Digital Resources Upgrades Updating resources available on UWP and Writing Center websites	Ongoing	
Core Program Support Pedagogical support and collaboration with Core Director	Ongoing	

4. Office of Instructional Technology, Design, and Assessment

Faculty Help Desk	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Operated ticketing system and provided Blackboard technical support and instructional materials for faculty by responding to and resolving hundreds of help desk tickets.	August 2021- May 2022	418
Faculty Department Meetings		
Attended and met with faculty at department meetings. Presented materials on services offered by the Office of Instructional Technology, Design, and Assessment and discussed new initiatives to be implemented in Blackboard during fall 2022: Base Navigation and Simple Syllabus		
<u>Department</u>		
Biology	1/28/22	10
English	2/1/22	10
Math/Statistics	2/7/22	8
Astronomy/Physics	2/9/22	7
Library	2/10/22	7
Electrical/Engineering	2/14/22	7
World Languages & Cultures	2/17/22	12
Computer Information	2/18/22	4
Nursing/Health	3/21/22	40
Sociology/Criminology	4/14/22	4
Social Work	5/3/22	2
Academic Technology Advisory Committee		
Attended the meeting with other faculty members and provided information about our support services.	1/31/22	10
Faculty Training Workshops		
Conducted workshops that focused on Blackboard skills, Master Course Template Shell, and best practices.	2/11/22	6
Faculty Classroom Observations		
Provided input on individual faculty member teaching or curriculum issues.		
<u>Course</u>		
Marketing Strategy and Policy	2/15/22	
Business Applications/Decision Making	2/22/22	
VITAL Affiliates Meetings		
Attended with representatives from across campus including faculty, staff, and the Provost's Office to share ideas and initiatives on teaching and learning.	12/21/21, 3/1/22, 5/24/22	14 15 10

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Faculty Curriculum Meeting Attended the MBA Curriculum Committee meeting and presented topics on Best Practices for Online Course Design, Quality Matters, and Pragmatic “Warm” Syllabus.	3/1/22	8
Faculty Online Course Assessment Reviewed and documented observations for Blackboard courses within the School of Business and MBA program. The following Blackboard content areas were examined for availability, frequency, and sequencing per the Blackboard Master Course Template: Menu, Announcements, Syllabus, Organization, Professor Contact Information, Discussion Boards, Groups, and Grade Center.	3/22/22	10
Spring New Faculty Dinner/Discussion Attended this event and provided information on services offered and help desk ticketing system for Blackboard assistance.	4/4/22	12

5. Office of Sponsored and Student Research

Grant and Fellowship Writing Information Sessions		
Intro to Grant Writing	9/14/21	8
Intro to Grant Writing	9/22/21	13
Intro to Budgeting	9/23/21	8
Intro to Grant Writing	9/25/21	2
Intro to Budgeting	9/28/21	5
Intro to Budgeting	10/5/21	3
Writing Grant/Fellowship Proposals	2/22/22	9
Julie Peller, guest speaker		
Demystifying Budgets	2/25/22	3
Mike Watters, guest speaker		
Turning Your Great Idea into a Fundable Project	3/24/22	8
Kevin Ostoyich, guest speaker		
Searching Candid Databases to Find Private Foundation Funders	4/5/22	3
Kim Whalen, trainer		
Searching Candid Databases to Find Private Foundation Funders	4/6/22	4
Kim Whalen, trainer		
Understanding the GPAF/FAF Internal Review Process for Grants/Fellowships	4/13/22	2
Calculating Fringe Benefits	4/20/22	2