

To: Faculty Senate

From: Mark Schwehn, Provost

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## **Report on Faculty Development Activities Academic Year 2009-2010**

In accordance with paragraph 2.3.5.4.2.(3) of the Faculty Handbook, the following report on the state of faculty development activities at Valparaiso University is provided. This has been a particularly active year for faculty development activities highlighted by an especially busy schedule of faculty workshops, the reinstatement of the Cambridge Seminar on vocation for new faculty members after a two-year hiatus, increasing the number of O.P. Kretzmann (Wheat Ridge) Grants to three, and sending our first participant to the Thrivent Fellows Program.

### **1. Faculty Workshops:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b>“Academic Planning for Mission: Facing Fundamental Questions”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On constructing an academic plan in support of VU’s strategic plan</li></ul>	8/21/09	n/a
<b>“Mentoring Undergraduate Scholarship in the Humanities”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panel Presentation by VU faculty</li></ul>	11/3/09	18
<b>“Classroom-Level Assessment”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying University-wide and Departmental SLOs to classroom goals and assessment measures</li></ul>	12/10/09	24
<b>Lecture/Luncheon: GLISTEN director Erin Argyilan (IU Northwest)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Great Lakes Innovative Stewardship through Education Network (GLISTEN) is a service-learning venture between nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions in NW Indiana to improve environmental quality. Laurie Eberhardt will coordinate VU student/faculty teams from several departments.</li></ul>	1/15/10	13 (lunch)
<b>Faculty Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dealing with the Digital Generation</li><li>• Course Policies</li><li>• Writing Assignments</li></ul>	2/2/10 2/9/10 2/16/10	7 8 4

• The Mixed Classroom	2/23/10	6
• The Pace of the Semester	3/16/10	3
<b>“Working with International Students”</b>	3/19/10	25
• Lynn Grantz presented a video on the culturally-dependent writing styles of non-native English speakers, gave tips, resources		
<b>“Improving Your Advising Skills”</b>	4/1/10	31
• Panel Presentation including Ann Trost, assistant deans, others		
<b>“How the University Works”</b>	5/17/10	TBD
• Enrollment Management & the Basics of University Financing		

## 2. CELT and Creative Work and Research Grants:

<u>CELT Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
Fall 2009		
Teaching/Learning and Travel Grants	16	\$9,125.07
Spring 2010		
Teaching/Learning and Travel Grants	10	\$7,100
<b><u>Creative Work and Research Grants</u></b>		
Fall 2009		
Summer Research & Expense Grants	13	\$17,902
Faculty/Student Research Grants	12 faculty, 17 students	\$4,998
University Research Grants		
○ Kapfer	1	\$10,000
○ Univ. Research	2	\$8,000
○ Wheat Ridge	3	\$27,500
Spring 2010		
Expense Grants	3	\$4,147
Faculty/Student Research Grants	9 faculty, 12 students	\$5,177

### **3. New Faculty Development:**

<b>Human Resources/Technology Orientation</b>	8/19/09
<b>Administrative Orientation</b>	8/24/09
<b>Fall Dinner/Discussion with deans, chairs</b>	11/18/09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic: Ken Bain, <i>What The Best College Teachers Do</i></li></ul>	
<b>Spring Dinner/Discussion with deans, chairs</b>	3/25/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panel of Caterpillar and Distinguished Teacher Award winners</li></ul>	
<b>Cambridge Seminar Trip</b>	May 22-28, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For new tenure-track faculty from the past three years</li></ul>	

### **4. Other Activities:**

<b>Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching</b>	June 3-5, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A team of four faculty/staff will attend, using the leftover CELT funds from Spring 2010</li></ul>	
<b>Thrivent Fellows Program, Residential Leadership Retreat</b>	June 13-23, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 12-month leadership enrichment program for faculty at Lutheran universities. Randa Duvick will be VU's first Thrivent Fellow. Randa will help us determine whether this would be a worthwhile experience for other faculty leaders at VU.</li></ul>	