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University

MEMORANDUM

Office of the Provost

Date: April 13, 2011
To: Faculty Senate
From: Mark Schwehn
Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2010-2011

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1. Faculty Workshops

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
“How the University Works, Part II”	9/20/10	230 (est.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guest speaker Louis Menand of Harvard spoke about the history and future of master’s programs in the U.S. Other sessions focused on graduate programs at Valpo and the work of the newly-created IMC.		
“Short-Term Study Trips”	10/19/10	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty panel discussed planning short-term study trips – both domestic and foreign – as part of a class.		
“The Qur-an and Islam”	11/19/10	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faisal Kutty of the Law School addressed frequent misperceptions about Islam and the Qur-an to faculty, staff, students.		
“Working with International Students” (2 sessions)	12/1/10	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynn Grantz and international students, in a repeat of last year’s popular workshop, presented a video on the culturally-dependent writing styles of non-native English speakers, gave tips, resources.	12/2/10	6
“Faculty MLK Day Reflection on <i>Outcasts United</i>”	1/17/11	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cynthia Rutz led a seminar discussion on this text about MLK day keynote speaker Luma Mufleh.		

“Short-Term Study Trips”	2/15/11	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reprise of fall session. A faculty panel discussed planning short-term study trips – both domestic and foreign – as part of a class. 		
“Information Literacy Tips to Enhance Teaching & Using ACRL Standards to Assist with Assessment”	3/24/11	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library faculty presented on how to help students become more information literate, and how to assess their skills. 		
“Deans and Chairs Workshop”	3/19/11	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus was on the tenure review process. Dean Jon Kilpinen, Assistant Provost Mike Owens, and Vice President and General Counsel Darron Farha presented. 		
“Achieving Tenure at VU”	4/7/11	34
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Sciences Dean Jon Kilpinen and a panel of faculty who have served on tenure committees discussed the tenure process. 		
“How the University Works, Part III”	5/16/11	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Student Recruitment and Retention 		
“Opening Fall Faculty Workshop”	8/19/11	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speaker will be Andrew DelBanco of Columbia University. 		

2. CELT and Creative Work and Research Grants:

<u>CELT Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
Fall 2010		
Teaching/Learning and Travel Grants	16	\$ 9,780
Spring 2011		
Teaching/Learning and Travel Grants	16	\$ 9,947
<u>Creative Work and Research Grants</u>		
Fall 2010		
Summer Research & Expense Grants	6	\$15,000
Faculty/Student Research Grants	12 faculty, 19 students	\$ 5,417
University Research Grants		
○ Kapfer	0	-0-
○ Univ. Research	2	\$ 8,000
○ Wheat Ridge	2	\$20,000

Spring 2011		
Expense Grants	3	\$ 2,918
Faculty/Student Research Grants	7 faculty, 12 students	\$ 4,125

3. Development of New Faculty:

Cambridge Seminar Trip May 2010

- This 10-day trip, which focuses on the Lutheran heritage of VU, was for new tenure-track faculty from the past three years. Eight new faculty participated. Thirteen have signed up for the trip this coming May.

Instructional Support Orientation 8/18/10

- This orientation was revamped this year to focus more on resources to help new faculty with their teaching. Library staff, the Provost's office, TRC Director, IT staff, and the Registrar presented.

Administrative Orientation 8/23/10

Fall Dinner/Discussion with deans, chairs 10/12/10

- Topic: Ken Bain, *What The Best College Teachers Do*

Spring Dinner/Discussion with deans, chairs 3/22/11

- Panel of Caterpillar and Distinguished Teaching Award winners

4. Other Activities:

Thrivent Fellows Program, Residential Leadership Retreat Summer 2011

- This 12-month leadership enrichment program for faculty and staff at Lutheran organizations and institutions begins with a 10-day summer seminar. Randa Duvick was VU's first Thrivent Fellow in summer 2010. This year's fellow will be Christina Grabarek from the Department of Education.