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## MEMORANDUM

### Office of the Provost

Date: May 20, 2013  
To: Faculty Senate  
From: Mark Schwehn  
Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2012-2013

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### **Report on Faculty Development Activities Academic Year 2012-2013**

#### **1. Workshops**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b>“Scholarly Publishing in the Age of the Internet and Open Information”</b>	9/17/12	230 (est.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest speaker Rick Anderson of the University of Utah spoke on “The Sustainability (or Not) of Scholarly Publishing.” Two breakout sessions on intellectual property (Brad Eden) and the impact and future of ValpoScholar (Jon Bull and panel).</li></ul>		
<b>“Multiple Choice Test Effectiveness”</b>	10/4/12	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Gary Morris presented a method for evaluating the efficacy of multiple choice questions.</li></ul>		
<b>“The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning”</b>	10/12/12	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A panel of faculty presented on their classroom research to improve student learning, including problem-solving, student-centered activities, and the flipped classroom.</li></ul>		
<b>“Faculty Book Discussion: <i>The Undertaking</i>”</b>	10/30/12	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In advance of the Nov. 1 Gross Lecture by Thomas Lynch, John Ruff led a seminar discussion for faculty on Lynch’s book, which is read in the CORE program.</li></ul>		

<p><b>“How Instructional Design Can Improve Your Department: A Valpo Case Study”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen Gregory led a panel discussion with faculty from Social Work showcasing the work they have been doing on instructional design.</li> </ul>	11/29/12	12
<p><b>“Teaching Fair”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concurrent mini-sessions on teaching with technology. Twelve faculty and staff members led sessions, followed by a luncheon. This was so successful we hope to make it an annual event.</li> </ul>	1/8/13	21
<p><b>“Diverse Students Speak! Diversity and Inclusion at Valpo”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Diversity Concerns Committee organized a presentation that included the Welcome Project and a panel of students from diverse student organizations. Both faculty and staff attended.</li> </ul>	2/19/13	61
<p><b>“Deans and Chairs Workshop”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus was on faculty evaluation and promotion. Jon Kilpinen, a panel of deans, and Cynthia Rutz presented.</li> </ul>	3/23/13	30 (est)
<p><b>“Get to Know the Office of Sponsored Research”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rasha Abed, the new associate director of Sponsored Research, led this session on the grant application process and tips for grant writing.</li> </ul>	3/26/13	13
<p><b>“Targeted Research and Evaluation Assistance for Teaching Students (TREATS)”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation by library faculty and the new writing director on improving student research and writing assignments.</li> </ul>	4/23/13	8
<p><b>“Introduction to Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) at Valpo”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four brown bag information sessions: two on what FLCs are, and two on possible FLCs at Valpo. This is a lead-in to starting FLCs at Valpo next fall.</li> </ul>	April 2013	7-10
<p><b>“The Honor System at Valpo”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This end-of-year workshop focused on the recent task force report on the Honor System. The featured presentation by Anne Hayner of the University of Notre Dame was entitled “Cheating or Sharing? Academic Ethics across Cultures.”</li> </ul>	5/20/13	125 (est)
<p><b>“Faculty Brown Bag Research Presentations”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A series of short research presentations during lunchtime in the faculty lounge of the new Arts &amp; Sciences building. There were 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring.</li> </ul>	Fall/Spring 6 dates	3-15 per session

## 2. Instructional Design

- Supported re-affirmation and assessment work in the Department of Social Work
- Embedded in SOCW 485 during Fall of 2012
- Developed education plan and curriculum for Honor Council
- Consultant to Law School Master of Professional Studies in Law program
- Worked with six first time instructors on online course development
- Assisted the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures with Information Fluency plan
- Assisted the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science evaluate tablet technology received through a CELT grant for their classes
- Provided training and troubleshooting support for CoursEval users

## 3. CELT and CWR Grants

<u>CELT Grants</u>	<u># of Awardees</u>	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u>
May 2012 Travel Grants (for travel July 1-Oct. 31, 2012)	5	\$ 4,000
September 2012 Travel Grants (for travel Nov. 1, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013)	8	\$ 4,000
January 2013 Travel Grants (for travel March 1 – June 30, 2013)	3	\$ 3,000
October 2012 Teaching/Learning Grants (for spring)	5	\$ 4,377

April 2013		
Teaching/Learning Grants (for summer and fall)	9	\$ 5,425

**Creative Work and Research Grants**

Fall 2012		
Summer Research Fellowships	6	\$15,000
Faculty/Student Research Grants	1 faculty, 10 students	\$ 4,976
University Research Grants		
o Kapfer	1	\$ 10,000
o Univ. Research	2	\$ 8,000
o Wheat Ridge	1	\$10,000
Spring 2013		
Expense Grants	5	\$ 5,000
Faculty/Student Research Grants	0 faculty, 19 students	\$ 5,242

**4. Development of New Faculty:**

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| <b>Cambridge Seminar Trip</b>   | May 2012/May 2013 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This 10-day trip, which focuses on the Lutheran heritage of VU, was for new tenure-track faculty. Eleven new faculty participated. Twelve have been selected for the program this coming May. Associate Professor Lissa Yogan will serve as a mentor for the group.</li> </ul> |                   |
| <b>Instructional Support Orientation</b>  | 8/15/12           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This yearly orientation introduces all new full-time faculty to resources to help them with their teaching and research. Library staff, the Provost's office, TRC Director, IT staff, Sponsored Research officer, and the Registrar present.</li> </ul>                        |                   |
| <b>Administrative Orientation</b>   | 8/20/12           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This event was revamped this year to focus more on the essential character of the University.</li> </ul>   |                   |
| <b>Fall Dinner/Discussion</b>   | 10/2/12           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topic: Parker Palmer, <i>The Heart of A Teacher</i></li> </ul>   |                   |

**Orientation for New Adjunct Faculty**

1/7/13

- With the help of an advisory group of adjunct faculty we piloted a half-day orientation for new adjuncts. Thirty who started in the fall or spring were invited; 7 RSVP's, but only 3 attended. We will do something different for new adjuncts next year.

**Spring Dinner/Discussion**

2/19/13

- Reading: "Teaching Mistakes from the College Classroom" ([www.FacultyFocus.com](http://www.FacultyFocus.com)) plus a panel of Caterpillar and Distinguished Teaching Award winners.

**Mentoring New Faculty in years 2 and 3**

- Rick Gillman and Cynthia Rutz wrote a proposal to the Lilly Fellows mentoring program to expand our work with new faculty to a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Although the proposal was not funded, we will go ahead with parts of the program. Lissa Yogan has agreed to be a mentor for this year's group.

## 5. Other Activities

**Thrivent Fellows Program, Residential Leadership Retreat**

Summer 2012

- This 12-month leadership enrichment program for faculty and staff at Lutheran organizations and institutions begins with a 10-day summer seminar. Eric Johnson from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department was selected for the summer 2012 program. Randa Duvick was VU's first Thrivent Fellow in summer 2010 followed by Christina Grabarek in 2011.