



VALPARAISO
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MEMORANDUM

Office of the Provost

Date: July 2015
 To: Faculty Senate
 From: Mark Biermann, Provost
 Re: Report on Faculty Development Activities, Academic Year 2014-2015

**Report on Faculty Development Activities
 Academic Year 2014-2015**

1. Provost’s Office

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<p>Fall Faculty Workshop “International Institutional Partnerships”</p> <p>Guest speaker Mr. Alan Ruby, senior fellow for the University of Pennsylvania Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy, spoke about global education. Breakout sessions featured presentations by Assistant Provost Jaishankar Raman and former Associate Provost Renu Juneja regarding the joint engineering program in Dalian, China and the collaboration between Valpo and a private university in Pune, India.</p>	8/22/14	250 (est.)
<p>Spring Faculty Workshop “Academic Plan and Vision: Building on Success”</p> <p>This end-of-year workshop launched a year-long review and update of Goal 1 of the University’s Strategic Plan.</p>	5/18/15	200 (est.)
<p>Cambridge Seminar</p> <p>This 10-day trip to Cambridge, England for new tenure-track faculty focuses on the Lutheran heritage of Valpo and on becoming a member of an academic community. Associate Professor Jeni Prough serves as the senior faculty mentor for the group.</p>	5/23/15	13

Deans and Chairs Workshop 3/21/15 40

This Saturday workshop featured a session on developing 4+1 type professional masters programs by David Attis, practice manager from EAB. The workshop also included round-robin sessions on the culture of faculty scholarship led by Ron Rittgers, strategic budgeting led by Nancy Stalbaum, workload credits and teaching load credits led by Jon Kilpinen, and departmental logistics led by Ken Luther.

Thrivent Fellows Program, Residential Leadership Retreat June 2015

This 12-month leadership enrichment program for faculty and staff at Lutheran organizations and institutions begins with a 10-day summer seminar. Nancy Scannell, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was selected for the summer 2015 program.

2. VITAL

Monthly Workshops

“How to Help ALL Students Succeed” 9/25/14 12

- Zebadiah Hall and Jen Gregory led a session on how to help students with various types of disabilities achieve the same success as other students.

“Best Practices in Peer Evaluation of Teaching” 10/27/14 12

- Cynthia Rutz talked about the four stages of successful peer classroom visits.

“Using Online Resources to Flip Your Classroom” 11/10/14 8

- Jon Bull from Library Services led a session on using free online resources to enhance student learning and develop peer instruction.

“Teaching Fair” 1/5/15 20

- Valpo faculty showcased the tools and techniques they use to improve student learning in six 20-minute sessions.

“Connecting Shakespeare to Your Discipline” 2/4/15 12 plus
38 GO
Teachers

- Led by one of the actors from the Shakespeare troupe in residence as part of Shakespeare Week.

<p>“Hidden in Plain Sight: Microaggressions in Your Classroom”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Kari-Anne Innes, Robyn Rucker, Matt Wells, and Zebadiah Hall. Participants role-played situations to identify and correct this unintentional form of discrimination. 	3/25/15	14 plus 12 staff
<p>“Faculty Learning Communities: Panel Presentation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This year’s three FLCs (see below) presented on the results of their work together this year. 	4/21/15	25

Faculty Learning Communities

Three Faculty Learning Communities met all year to discuss best practices, articles and books, as well as their own experiences in implementing these pedagogies in their classrooms:

<p>FLC 1: Applying Memory Science to the Classroom and Doing Research to See If It Actually Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Kieth Carlson (Psychology) 	biweekly	7 members
<p>FLC 2: Beyond Textbooks: Using Online Resources in Your Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Jon Bull (Library Services) 	biweekly	6 members
<p>FLC 3: Teaching Across Cultures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Lynn Grantz (English) 	biweekly	12 members

Faculty Writing Circle

Each semester, as well as during the summer, faculty meet to help each other with their writing.

weekly 6 (average)

Professorial Lectures

<p>“I’m a Country Boy: Country Music, Identity, and the Changing Relationship between Country and City”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Michael Longan (Geography) 	10/2/14	20
<p>“Young Adult Dystopian Literature and Social Critique: Postmodernism, Historicity, and Memory in M.T. Anderson’s <i>Feed</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor Carter Hanson (English) 	10/16/14	36
<p>“John Donne Goes to the Movies: How the HBO Film <i>Wit</i> Helps Us Reflect on the Practice of the Humanities as a Healing Art”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presented by Professor John Ruff (English) 	11/20/14	70

“Active Analysis: Heresy in Rehearsal”	12/18/14	45
○ Presented by Professor R. Andrew White (Theatre)		
“Scientific Visualization for Undergraduate Education”	1/15/15	43
○ Presented by Professor Jeffrey Will (Electrical & Computer Engineering)		
“Is Indiana About to Fall into the Ocean? Some Thoughts on Seismicity in the Central and Eastern United States”	2/19/15	40
○ Presented by Professor Carmine Polito (Civil Engineering)		
“Liturgical Renewal for Such a Time as This”	3/19/15	60
○ Presented by Professor Lorraine Brugh (Music)		
“In the Shadow of the Anvil: Two Decades of Convective Field Studies at Valparaiso University”	4/9/15	25
○ Presented by Professor Bart Wolf (Geography & Meteorology)		
“From Page to Stage: The Journey of a Costume Designer”	5/14/15	35
○ Presented by Professor Ann Kessler (Theatre)		

Instructional Design

- Assisted several undergraduate departments with the creation of program level student learning objectives and assessment plans.
- Facilitated the Department of Social Work end-of-year program review.
- Provided syllabus review to faculty for new and existing courses.

Online Course Certification

- Fourteen faculty were awarded stipends for summer 2015, totaling \$10,500 for 17 courses.
- Three additional faculty are working toward certification (without a stipend)
- Working with Bisk Education to certify Healthcare Administration.

Instructional Support Orientation 8/20/14

This yearly orientation introduces all new full-time faculty to resources to help them with their teaching and research. Provost Office staff, Library staff, the Academic Success Center director, the University Writing director, VITAL staff, IT staff, and the Registrar make presentations.

The Essential Valpo 8/25/14

This yearly orientation introduces new full-time faculty to the essential character of the University. Topics for the morning session include an introduction to “Our Common Pursuit” by the president, Campus Ministries, faculty governance, Martin Luther King Day, CORE, Honor Council, and leadership and service.

Fall Dinner/Discussion 10/21/14

Reading: Chapter 5, “How Do They Conduct Class,” from Ken Bain’s book *What the Best College Teachers Do*, plus a panel of current Teaching Award winners.

Spring Dinner/Discussion 2/5/15

Reading: Essay by Mark Schwehn entitled “Lutheranism and the Future of the University.”

Mentoring Program for Second and Third Year Faculty

During this two-year program, the Cambridge Seminar group continues to meet regularly both as a group and individually with their mentor. Two groups met this year.

- Second Year Cohort – Senior Faculty Mentor Mark Bartusch 11 members
- Third Year Cohort – Senior Faculty Mentor Lissa Yogan 12 members

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 2014		
Travel Grants (for travel July 1-Oct. 31, 2014)	8	\$6,450
September 2014		
Travel Grants (for travel Nov. 1, 2014 – Feb. 28, 2015)	8	\$7,500

January 2015

Travel Grants	5	\$4,650
(for travel March 1 – June 30, 2015)		

October 2014

Teaching/Learning Grants	4	\$3,670
(for spring 2015)		

April 2015

Teaching/Learning Grants	6	\$5,250
(for summer and fall 2015)		

Creative Work and Research Committee
(CWRC) Grants

Fall 2014

Summer Research Fellowships	7	\$24,500
Faculty/Student Research Grants	6 students	\$2,987
University Research Grants		
o Kapfer	1	\$10,000
o Univ. Research	2	\$8,000
o Wheat Ridge	2	\$20,000

Spring 2015

Expense Grants	5	\$4,513
Faculty/Student Research Grants	10 students	\$5,018

4. Valparaiso Writing Program

WIC Spring Seminar

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full completion - faculty met bimonthly (20 hours) • Partial completion | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Jan. – May
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