



## **Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (Section VIII-D) 2015-2016 Annual Summary Report to Senate**

### **Summary of Meetings**

The FCTL Advisory Board met twice during the academic year 2015-2016. The first meeting was held on October 20, 2015 and the second on February 17, 2016. Both meetings were scheduled for 3:00-4:00 p.m. in CB1-205. Stephen Heglund served as chair this year.

### **Summary of Issues or Topics Addressed**

The committee was made aware of the following changes:

- The reorganization of Academic Affairs and the Faculty Center's new reporting line to the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, Elizabeth Dooley.
- The loss of our Assistant Director, Erin Saitta, who took a position in the Department of Chemistry

The committee reviewed and discussed Faculty Center regular programming:

- New Faculty Orientation: about 200 new faculty in attendance
- Winter Faculty Development Conference: themed on Transparency in T&L
- Summer Faculty Development Conference: themed on the new QEP, Integrative Learning
- Faculty Learning Communities, Writing Groups, Book Clubs, and a Course Innovation Project themed on Active Learning Strategies
- Adjunct Orientations and adjunct programming
- GTA Orientations and GTA programming
- Teaching and Learning Day (digital storytelling and BYOD in the classroom)

The committee reviewed and discussed Faculty Center involvement with several initiatives:

- University Innovation Alliance
- Development of Downtown Campus
- Educational Advisory Board
- Foundations of Excellence
- Reimagining First Year Experience
- Scholarship for Teaching and Learning
- SACSCOC Reaffirmation
- QEP
- Learning Spaces Design
- Student Consultant on Teaching program
  - Faculty Fellow initiative: Freedom of Speech/Academic Freedom

Committee members convened to select the University Excellence Awards for Teaching. There were no submissions this year for the Excellence in Undergraduate Advising award.

The committee reviewed Faculty Center efforts to solicit faculty input regarding instructional needs and to provide instructional support and faculty development.

### **Recommendations/Outcomes**

Committee members gave updates on several initiatives such as Study Abroad, Classroom Technology, Tech Fee, QEP, Service-Learning, Library programming, online teaching, and Writing Across the Curriculum.