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SPRING 2023 FACULTY CENTER ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Spring 2023 Faculty Center Events & Services

Services & Programs

1. Best Teaching Practices Expo
2. Drop In to Talk with a Campus Expert: Get Ready for the First Day of Class!
3. Faculty Development for Career Readiness (Online Course)
4. Faculty Learning Group: Place-Based Learning + Book Group: Small Teaching Online
5. Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Group + Part-Time Instructor Mentoring Group
6. FYE Discussion Group
7. Writing Group: Accountability
8. Campus Nature Walk: Countering Stress with Mindfulness
9. Equity and Inclusivity in STEM: UNLV Student Panel + Guest Speaker + Lightning Talks
10. Equity Institute Online
11. AI in Teaching & Learning
12. Open Educational Resources Faculty Learning Group
13. Teaching observations & one-on-one consultations
14. Selection committee for Teaching Awards (Spanos, SOTL & PTI)
15. Communication via newsletter and social media
16. Website with resources, request forms, and news

Outcomes Overview

- Our signature spring event, the Best Teaching Practices Expo, was held in person with a poster session and live panel of distinguished presenters.
 - There were around 50 attendees at the in-person event
 - 20 online [posters](#) had 1,114 downloads as of June 2023. (Note: 711 of those downloads were for a poster on the topic of AI/ChatGPT.)
- The Faculty Center hosted drop-in sessions at the beginning of the semester for instructors to get technology and teaching support.
- We worked with partners in Honors, Liberal Arts, and Hospitality to offer an online course on integrating career competences across disciplines.
- We continue to offer our programs in a hybrid mode, and we sponsored a variety of mentoring groups and learning communities that met regularly in order to support a sense of connectedness for faculty. These groups are led by Faculty Center Fellows – see the 2022-23 cohort listed on page 5.
 - Mentoring groups for tenure track and part-time instructors
 - Book group on *Small Teaching Online* by Flower Darby
 - Faculty learning groups on place-based learning and on the first-year experience
 - A writing accountability group
 - Campus nature walks for mindfulness
- We co-sponsored a series on equity and inclusivity in STEM and had a student panel, guest speaker, and a round of lightning talks from participants.
- We offered a section of the [Equity Institute Online](#), in partnership with Online Education, and had 20 more faculty members complete the course in Spring 2023.
- We hosted an event on using AI in teaching and learning that was very well-attended and will have follow-up events in the fall.

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- We partnered with Online Education and a team of faculty members to participate in the [AAC&U Institute on Open Educational Resources](#). We conducted a survey of faculty identified through the bookstore as using no traditional textbook, and got 70 responses regarding their awareness of and interest in OERs.
- Faculty Center Fellows offered 7 teaching observations and individual consultations.
- We assembled and led the selection committees for three awards: Alex G and Faye Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award, Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award, and Outstanding Teaching by Part-Time Faculty Award. We engaged past award-winners in this process, and selected outstanding faculty members for recognition.
- In addition to events planned and hosted by the Faculty Center, we co-sponsored and/or advertised many other events for campus units including The Intersection, Online Education, the Graduate College, and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- The Faculty Center provided meeting space for Chair's Success, Leadership Experience, Accreditation Committee, Ombuds, HR, Admissions, Advising Lunch & Learn, Academic Council, and other groups. In total, Faculty Center spaces were used 437 hours in Spring 2023.
- We send a weekly newsletter on Sunday nights and other occasional messages. Average open rate for the weekly newsletter is about 68% and it goes to 3,617 subscribers.

Faculty Center Fellows, 2022-23

First Name	Last Name	College	Primary Assignment
Bill	Doyle	Honors	Faculty Learning Group: Place-based Learning
Christine	Draper	Online Education	Faculty Book Group
Joe	Ervin	Academic Success Center	Faculty Learning Group: FYE
Han-fen	Hu	Business	TT Mentoring
Miriam	Melton-Villanueva	Liberal Arts	Writing group
Daniel	Ogletree	Fine Arts	Mindfulness/Nature Walks
Nadia	Pomirleanu	Business	Mentoring
Nathan	Slife	Education	Teaching Observations
Denise	Tillery	Liberal Arts	PTI Mentoring

Attendance at Spring 2023 Events

Teaching Events

Event Name	Month	Total Registered
Drop In to Talk with a Campus Expert: Get Ready for the First Day of Class!	January	n/a
Faculty Learning Group: Place-Based Learning	January, February, March	14
Book Group: Small Teaching Online	January, February, March	16
Faculty Development for Career Readiness (Online course)	January	17
Equity and Inclusivity in STEM	February, March, April	23
Best Teaching Practices Expo	February	45
FYE Discussion Group	February, March, April	12
PTI Mentoring Group: Incorporating Career Development in the Gen Ed Classroom	March	4

Research Events

Event Name	Month	Total Registered
Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Group: Spring Break, time for binge-writing or something else?	February	4
Writing Group	January-May	17

Career Events

Event Name	Month	Total Registered
Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Group: Prepare Your Annual Evaluation Reports	January	27
PTI Mentoring Group: Balancing Student Centeredness and Faculty Workload	February	12
Tenure-Track Faculty Mentoring Group: Ending the semester on a high note and plan for the Summer	April	10

Wellness Events

Event Name	Month	Total Registered
Campus Nature Walk: Countering Stress with Mindfulness	March, April, May	12