

**Office of Faculty Development  
Brief Annual Report  
2010-2011**

During its second year of operation, the Office of Faculty Development (OFD) staff included Dr. David McConnell, Faculty Director; Dr. Geetanjali Soni and Dr. Nancy Fire, Assistant Directors, and Ms. Virginia Howell, coordinator of special projects. Dr. Audrey Jaeger worked as a Faculty Scholar to develop programming and resources related to engaged teaching and scholarship. Dr. Betsy Brown, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, supervises the Office.

OFD activities for 2010-11 included the following:

- Hosted **New Faculty Orientation** on August 10-12, 2011. 21 faculty attended, including new full-time tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty. Overall feedback from attendees was excellent.
- Maintained a **comprehensive** (<http://ncsu.edu/faculty-development/index.html>) including a new web feature, “What the Best NC State Teachers Do”
- Sponsored or co-sponsored nearly 25 **workshops and webinars** on a range of topics focused on teaching and learning, faculty career development, and community engagement.
- Assumed new responsibilities for community engagement faculty development, identified 20 Community Engaged Faculty Fellows and hosted a year-end event, for faculty and department heads, “Making a Case for Community Engagement” with Dr. Lorilee Sandmann, University of Georgia.
- Facilitated **Reading Circles** in fall and spring semester and introduced **Discussion Circles** to bring faculty together to discuss books or ideas related to teaching and learning and engagement.
- Launched the **Thank a Teacher Program** to provide a venue for students to express their appreciation to faculty who have impacted their university experience in a positive way.
- Initiated the **Faculty Partners Program** that links OFD with faculty representing 41 departments. These faculty partners disseminate information about OFD events to faculty in their departments and provide information to OFD about faculty interests and needs. Sponsored an Open House for Faculty Partners in December, 2010.
- Hosted its first **Teaching and Learning Symposium** (April 8, 2011) highlighting and celebrating exemplary teaching at NC State University including presentation of university teaching awards. Keynote speaker was Dr. MaryEllen Weimer, Pennsylvania State University.
- Facilitated the **2011 Course Design Summer Institute** that provided an opportunity for 16 faculty to work collaboratively to design or redesign their courses and incorporate innovative teaching practices.
- Managed four **faculty award processes**: Outstanding Teacher Award, Alumni Distinguished Professor Award, Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Holladay Medal.