

**Office of Faculty Development  
Brief Annual Report  
2011-2012**

During its third year of operation, the Office of Faculty Development (OFD) staff included Dr. David McConnell, Faculty Director; Dr. Erin Robinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Ashley Grantham, Program Coordinator, and Ms. Virginia Howell, coordinator of special projects. Ms. Jennie Ofstein served as graduate assistant in the Office and in the College of Education to develop programming and resources on engaged teaching and scholarship. Dr. Betsy Brown, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, supervises the Office and is responsible for New Faculty Orientation, faculty awards, and leadership programming.

OFD activities for 2011-12 included the following:

**Faculty Recognition:**

- **Thank a Teacher:** The Thank A Teacher Program received 788 submissions in 2011-2012 from students who thanked faculty who have had a positive impact on them as students.
- **Teaching Awards:** OFD continued to manage the university teaching awards process that recognizing 27 faculty members and the recipient of the Holladay Medal. OFD assumed responsibility for the Gertrude Cox Award this year.
- **Teaching & Learning Symposium:** OFD hosted the second annual Teaching & Learning Symposium. Attendance included 223 individuals throughout the day. Thirty-one posters were presented; teaching award winners and Thank a Teacher recipients were recognized.

**Communication:**

- **New OFD website and listserv:** OFD launched a new website in Fall 2011 that provides comprehensive resources to faculty members. OFD's listserv has 1364 subscribers.
- **Faculty Meeting visits:** OFD personnel attended nine department meetings within six colleges during 2011-12.

**Campus Community:**

- **Assistant Professor's Learning Community:** OFD collaborated with OIED to provide three APLC presentations that were attended by 62 junior faculty members.
- **New Faculty Orientation:** OFD facilitated NFO August 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2011; 23 new faculty members from nine colleges attended.
- **Department Heads Programming:** An orientation program was offered to nine new department heads in Fall 2011. Eighteen department heads attended additional specialized programming facilitated by OFD, General Counsel, and Human Resources.
- **Community Engaged Fellows:** OFD continued to offer support to 20 Community Engaged Faculty Fellows.
- **Non-Tenure Track Faculty Forum:** 28 full-time non-tenure track faculty attended a forum on NTT faculty issues and ways OFD could help address their needs.

**Teaching and Learning**

- **Workshops:** OFD offered 11 workshops with 73 attendees in Fall 2011. In Spring 2012 OFD offered eight workshops, with 101 attendees, Workshop materials and recordings are archived on OFD's website. Two workshops were offered online through Elluminate. OFD also facilitated special presentations by Dr. Barbara Bekken, ACC Speaker from Virginia Tech, and Board of Governors' Award recipient Dr. Sarah Ash.
- **Reading Circles:** During the 2011-2012 academic year, 86 faculty and staff participated in 14 reading circles. The author of one of the books read by the circles, James Zull, was the keynote speaker at the 2012 Symposium on Teaching and Learning.