

University Affairs

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Members Present: Kay Daigle, Jerry Stout, Brett Elliot, Alistair Maeer

Members Absent: Lawrence Silver, Susan Webb

RE: Events to improve collegiality

Proposed events:

- Faculty driven professional development workshops at the beginning of the semester should be offered. Or at least input from faculty regarding the topics.
- Establish a faculty commons area or professional development center in addition to the lounge. This space could be used for faculty gatherings, a place to meet and discuss issues of common interest, project collaborations, showcase achievement, coordinate educational resources, to name a few.
- Begin a mentoring program for junior faculty.
- Improve participation in media communication (Linkedin, Yammer, etc).
- Sponsor Brown Bag Lunches

It is proposed that we begin with brown bag lunches or “meet and talk” sessions.

Points for discussion are:

- Location (*UA proposes that the faculty lounge be the meeting place until the lunches outgrow that space. As the idea progresses, departments can sponsor the brown bag lunches in their respective buildings/meeting areas.*)
- Topics for the “Meet and Talk” (*UA proposes the topics be related to teaching, service, and scholarship. This semester the topic could focus on interest level for informal presentations and ideas for topics to be offered next semester. These will serve as kind of “get the ball rolling.....” sessions*)
- What days and times would be most effective? (*UA offers once per month on a TTH schedule and once per month on a MWF schedule from 11-12. The first being held 11/12. Follow-up with another on 11/27.*)
- Should administration be invited? (*UA proposes that it should be faculty only with possibly a few open invitations – depending on topic of discussion*)
- Who should send out the invitation? (*UA proposes that the invitation would be better received if sent from the UA committee*)

References:

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