

Faculty Development Advisory Committee

Oct. 3, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Allison Venuto, Dr. Sahalie Mitchell, Dr. John Hoenig, Dr. Meena Beri, Bonnie Ford, Kimberly Gentry, Kristie Lussier, Cathleen Akers, Tiffany Krueger, Taylor Ehrhart, Megan Yareoiutepiy, Umair Hayat, Deidra Carpenter, Linda Kapocsi, Dr. Michael Latham, and Russell Smith

Invited Guest: Courtenay Jauregui

Welcome from Dr. Allison Venuto

Updates:

- CASP Conference: Next week! Please register and encourage colleagues and friends to attend / reminder e-mail sent out from Training and Development (registration information- free for all Collin employees)
 - o Great Speakers, including Linda Kapocsi
 - o Multi-modal teaching session, 1 tool and seven ways to use it
 - o Guest Speaker: Courtenay Jauregui: some iCollin speakers talking about best practices
 - o Different Collin Initiatives discussed in a Collin Provost session on Wednesday / Allison Venuto moderating
 - o Meenakshi Beri: Talking about OER resources
- Update: Adjunct Faculty Training (valuable feedback received from the last FDAC meeting)
 - o Adjunct Faculty Training Committee now going to be absorbed into Faculty Development Advisory Committee
 - o There will be an Adjunct Faculty Conference on Jan. 10th
- Courtenay Jauregui: Thank you to committee members for all types of participation
 - o John Hoenig: Spotlight Series highlight- fun and easy and people interacted / topic of using AI for coding and to build web games on historical topics to help students engage with and learn historical information, some development still happening with the games
 - o Bonnie Ford: Spotlight Series highlight- how to jazz up Canvas Course especially around student engagement, went well

- o Meenakshi Beri: Spotlight Series Highlight- Genially use and engagement in online classes and how to make contents dynamic rather than static in online classes (escape boards and games)
- o Kristie Lussier: Spotlight Series Highlight- group work and teamwork and scaffolding those from low stakes to high stakes and getting involved with one another
- o Allison Venuto: Thank you to those who are getting involved and presenting and attending things and participating in PD Activities
- o Courtenay Jauregui: Cathleen presenting next week and Cathleen and Michael presented at Adjunct Faculty Conference
- Conversation: We have some topics for Adjunct Faculty Conference- Can committee members provide other topics/speaker suggestions?
 - o Reminder last time: 2 areas- one session about hiring process and another session about sharing resources with each other and networking with each other
 - o Idea: Canvas Course Session
 - o Comment about what conferences adjuncts can submit proposals to- to Faculty Development Conference but not currently to Adjunct Faculty
 - o Idea: Technology/AI
 - o Speaker Suggestion: Taylor Acee for pedagogy
 - o Idea: Universal Design for Canvas Courses and Quizzes
 - o Idea: Ways to Enhance CV
 - o Other well attended sessions last year: classroom management simulations, Canvas 101, Student Discipline, Lesson Plans 101, PP and Videos 101
 - o Idea: Team-based learning (Kandice Swarthout- recommended by Cathleen Akers)
 - o Idea: Mental Health
 - o Idea: Management Disruptive Students in DC Classrooms
 - o Idea: Dual Credit in general
 - o Idea: Access Office
 - o Idea: Split Session- techniques to prevent issues / admin side of an issue
 - o Suggested Names: Rachel Mueller (DC issues), Courtney Mulcahy (Canvas 101), Rachel B Walker/Alaya Swann/Clair Robertson (Lesson Plans 101), Erika Nielson Vargas (mental health and mindfulness), Emily Suh (Students with ADHD)
 - o Faculty Council has an Adjunct Committee- difficult to get a wide variety of feedback from adjuncts

- o Cathleen asked about data from recorded session videos that have been watched
 - o John Hoenig- suggested that we do not record a FAQ roundtable/panel at the Adjunct Faculty Conference
- Spring Faculty Development Conference: Today is the last day for proposals- 35 proposals received so far
 - o All call for proposals will be sent to the FDAC members (without names), and we will be asked to rank them all
 - o Next time we meet we will make final decisions on who is accepted and who is not
 - o Next Meeting: 3 weeks from now so plenty of time to review them
- Faculty Development Fall 2026 Conference
- Courtenay: created speaker chart based on feedback and previous ideas
 - o Four listed: James Lang, Veronica Yan, Jovan Glasgow, Jose Antonio Bowen
 - o Courtenay: Jovan Glasgow- more motivational speaker
 - o Three votes for Bowen, a few votes for Yan
 - o Ask for a clarification on Small Teaching- small things you can do in your class to integrate change
 - o Bill Nye the Science Guy- recommended by Russell Smith / never mind he is \$70K
 - o Courtenay Jauregui: provided links to videos of their talks
 - o Cathleen Akers: would prefer that we not go with the motivational speaker (Jovan Glasgow)
 - o Veronica Yan – fits the category of motivating students the most
 - o Courtenay: they were all good, but Glasgow was a bit different than the other ones
- Allison: is “student motivation” a topic that we are hearing about a lot / themes in other committees?
 - o John said Magna Pubs is encouraging discussion about student motivation
 - o Cathleen Akers: general observation about students going through the motions / is this a covid-era holdover? / Would Veronica Yan give us insight into how students brains are working?
 - o Veronica Yan is an educational psychologist- can cover mindset, motivation, and metacognition

- o How do we book speakers? - Price, availability, and specific topics, but we don't get to choose their specific transcript but give them parameters that we would like.
 - o Committee: coalescing around Veronica Yan- T&D will reach out to her and see if she is available
 - o Allison: If you hear about other speakers, please let me know.
- Bonnie Ford: brought up in last Faculty Council Adjunct Committee Meeting: 5:30pm on a Wednesday was a tough time to meet for Adjunct Faculty Academy – asked to vary/stagger times for adjunct faculty academy
 - o All sessions were taped, suggestion about repeating some sessions?
- Cathleen Akers: question for Courtenay- how far out are you scheduling the Spotlight Series sessions?
 - o Courtenay: scheduling for Spring right now, please send names to me
- Thank you from Allison Venuto: keep an eye out for a link from me to review submissions!
- Meeting ended at: 4:19pm
- **Respectfully submitted by:** Dr. Sahalie Mitchell, Linda Kapocsi, and Dr. Allison Venuto