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INNOVATIONS FOR ADJUNCT FACULTY SUPPORT

February 9 - 11, 2015 Phoenix, AZ



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A combination of administrative and instructional support of your adjunct faculty can improve both faculty and student experiences.

OVERVIEW

Partnering with adjunct faculty to deliver high quality education has become essential to higher education. However, the support of these same faculty is often overlooked due to challenges in timing, access, and motivation. As our institutions continue to rely on adjunct faculty, we must place a similar emphasis on providing effective support to improve the faculty experience and, ultimately, student learning.

Join us for an Academic Impressions conference where you will learn innovative support approaches from adjunct faculty developers and administrators. This comprehensive conference will highlight best practices from across the country in the areas of:

- → Adjunct faculty hiring and onboarding
- → Effective teaching and learning support strategies and models
- → Evaluating and rewarding adjunct faculty

BRING YOUR TEAM - TWO TRACKS

Adjunct faculty support and administration will examine new strategies to implement within their support efforts. Academic administrators will also glean new approaches to managing their role in success of adjunct faculty at the program and institutional level.

Successfully developing your adjunct faculty requires both instructional and administrative support. Day two of our conference features breakout sessions for faculty developers and administrators. **Get the most out of this conference by sending a team that includes both instructional and administrative staff.**

LEARNING OUTCOME

After participating in this conference, you will be able to implement innovative strategies to more effectively support adjunct faculty at your institution.

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AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Conference registration and check in

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Trends in Adjunct Faculty Support

The continuous shifts in higher education have led to a fluid state of change for institutions partnering with adjunct faculty. This session will take a deeper look into the current trends in adjunct faculty hiring

and support to help programs benchmark against peer institutions.

THEME: ONBOARDING ADJUNCT FACULTY

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Developing Effective Hiring and Course Allocation Practices

While the benefit of partnering with adjunct faculty is often the on-demand nature of their work, this just-in-time practice rarely leads to positive student learning results and satisfied stakeholders. This session will examine different approaches to the hiring and appointment of adjunct faculty in an effort to fill program needs, while also keeping education quality and stakeholder satisfaction in mind.

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Creating an Inclusive Orientation Process

The first step in guiding adjuncts to success is ensuring they are comprehensively informed to the intricacies of working within your institution. This session will provide innovative approaches to adjunct onboarding and orientation, focusing on engaging communication and guidance strategies.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Networking reception (included in registration fee)



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

CONCURRENT SESSIONS THEME 1: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Providing instructional support to adjunct faculty is essential to improving or sustaining quality learning experiences. While pedagogy and professional development is often the focus, this track includes the communication, resources, and teaching strategies that can be employed to more effectively support your adjunct faculty.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS THEME 2: ADMINISTRATIVE INNOVATIONS

The administrative issues of adjunct faculty support have received national attention on many different levels. While no clear solution has been identified, there are innovative practices being employed across the country. This track will examine new approaches being taken by administrative thought leaders to help improve the institutional relationship with adjunct faculty and move to more sustainable models for both sides.

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast (included in registration fee)

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Communicating Course, Departmental and Program Expectations

Defining a clear set of expectations for faculty to work under is essential to improving the teaching and learning taking place in your classrooms or online. This session will outline a process to developing and informing adjunct faculty on the outcomes expected in the course and the institution's approach to reaching those goals.

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Support Track: Strategies for High Impact Professional Development

Statistics show that student interaction with full-time faculty has significant impact on student success and retention as compared to adjunct faculty. This session will discuss different professional development strategies and topics that have the most impact on improving the teaching and interaction of adjunct faculty.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Administrative Track: Developing and Resourcing an Adjunct Faculty Support Center

The decentralized models of adjunct faculty support often lead to an ambiguity in tasks and increased challenges for the faculty and departments alike. Developing a center that is charged with creating a more effective support structure has proven to have a significant impact for all stakeholders involved. This session will discuss different levels of centralized support and the investment and resources required to implement these ideas.





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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 (CONTINUED)

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch (included in registration fee)

1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Support Track: Developing Adjunct Faculty for Improved Student Retention

One of the major challenges for adjunct faculty is developing a more impactful relationship with their students. With packed schedules and less personal teaching mediums, it is often difficult to make the time for the faculty-student interaction that has been proven to improve student retention. This session will demonstrate simple development strategies to help improve the faculty's impact on student

retention and completion.

1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Administrative Track: Moving to a Strategic Adjunct Faculty Staffing Model

Partnering with adjunct faculty has tangible advantages that range beyond cost and risk management. Defining the most appropriate space and ratio to employ adjuncts can not only improve your institution's bottom line but also improve the student and faculty experiences. This session will examine a developing

model that more strategically shifts adjunct faculty ratios and assignment.

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussions: Solutions to Adjunct Faculty Challenges

Wrapping up the second day, we will break out into different roundtable discussions and institutional sharing opportunities. These discussions will be prompted by instructors but led by the attendees to allow for more comprehensive thought and brainstorming on the topics of adjunct faculty staffing and

support.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

THEME: EVALUATING AND MOTIVATING ADJUNCT FACULTY

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast (included in registration fee)

8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Strategies for Faculty Evaluation and Improvement

Evaluating the effectiveness and impact of adjunct faculty provides greater clarity for administrators and support professionals alike. This session will focus on different strategies for faculty evaluation as well as

approaches to address gaps or challenges that arise.

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Developing Reward Structures and Benefits

Motivating high performing and progressing faculty is a challenge that institutions continue to face with adjuncts. While some institutions are able to effectively resource these rewards systems, others must begin to think more creatively to develop approaches that are both cost efficient and effective. This session will lead a discussion on different approaches being implemented and the successes and pitfalls

of each.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Final wrap up and questions





INSTRUCTORS



ANN COBURN-COLLINS / Director of Academic Programs Support, Adjunct Faculty Saginaw Valley University

As a former chairperson at a community college and now, in her role as the director charged with supporting SVSU's adjunct faculty, Ann has worked to find effective means to meet the needs of the adjunct faculty. She has done this by providing professional development in teaching and learning, finding novel ways to streamline the adjunct faculty employment process and supplying the adjunct faculty with the tools necessary for course preparation and delivery.



SUE DOE / Associate Professor

Professor Doe teaches courses in composition, autoethnographic theory and method, research methods, and graduate student preparation for writing in the disciplines. She does research in three distinct areas: academic labor, writing across the curriculum, and student-veteran writing in the post-9/11 era. Co-author of the faculty development book Concepts and Choices: Meeting the Challenges in Higher Education, she has published articles in College English, College Composition and Communication, and Writing Program Administration as well as several book-length collections. Her forthcoming collection on student-veterans in the composition classroom, Generation Vet: Composition, Veterans, and the Post-911 University, co-authored with Professor Lisa Langstraat, is under contract with the Utah State Press. Sue's most recent research into faculty development revolves around academic labor issues, examining through narrative inquiry the ways in which nontenure-track faculty describe and analyze their experiences in the professional setting.

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KEITH HEFFNER / Faculty Association President

Maricopa Community College District

Keith Heffner has served in faculty leadership positions since 2008. Keith is Music faculty at Mesa Community College, teaching courses in audio production technologies. He holds a BA in electronic music synthesis, MA in humanities, and is currently pursuing a DMA in music education from Boston II



B. JEAN MANDERNACH / Director of the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching and Research Professor

Grand Canyon University

Jean's research focuses on enhancing student learning through innovative online instructional strategies, integration of emergent technology, and evaluation of online teaching. As the director of the teaching and learning center, Jean's scholarly and professional work is dedicated to fostering effective, innovative, scholarly teaching. In addition to her mentoring activities, Jean publishes research examining online assessment, perception of online degrees, integration of emerging technologies in the online classroom, and the development of effective faculty evaluation models.



MARIA MAISTO / Adjunct Faculty

Cuyahoga Community College

Maria Maisto teaches English Composition as an adjunct professor at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio. She helped found, and now directs, New Faculty Majority, a national nonprofit whose mission is to improve the quality of higher education by transforming the working conditions of the majority of its faculty.



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