

A message from the director

Dear Chairs and Program Directors:

September 2015 Update

Welcome back to a fresh fall semester. Where did the summer go? Please find the monthly update that includes information for you as well as your faculty.

Chairs Info:

- 1. **Feedback on Chairs' Retreat** Thank you to all who participated in the chairs' retreat and who completed the feedback on the day. Based on your feedback, the majority of you indicated that you would like workshops/guest speakers approximately 1-2 times a semester and prefer Monday or Friday at lunch time. This semester we will try to organize:
 - a. Research Workshop
 - b. Informal Session for New Chairs
 - c. Dealing with Difficult Faculty Guest speaker (end of semester or beginning of winter semester)
- 2. **Chairs Manual** We will continue to work on Chairs Manual and post it under the Chairs' Corner when it is complete.
- 3. **Chairs' Corner** http://wwwp.oakland.edu/cetl/chairs-corner/ includes documents, resources, and programs and services for chairs.
- 4. We will be delivering **CETL brochures** to your department in the very near future. Please have your admin. assistant put one copy in each person's mail box.

For Chairs and Faculty Members

- 5. **CETL Fall Newsletters** were sent out at the end of August to all faculty who have registered on our **CETL listserv.** If additional faculty would like to receive this, and get our weekly scheduler, and/or our weekly teaching tips, please have them register at: www.oakland.edu/cetl click on register by email.
- 6. **Faculty Handbooks** We have distributed a copy of the Faculty Handbook to each new faculty who attended our New Faculty Orientations (Full and Part Time). All other faculty can find a pdf copy of the handbook at: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/Assets/Oakland/cetl/files-and-documents/Handbooks/2015-16FacultyHandbookJuly30.pdf
- 7. **Mentoring for Emerging Faculty** We offer a Mentoring Program for new/nearly new faculty (first three years) This Mentoring Cohort complements departmental mentoring. We focus on general transition into Oakland University and group support. Our Orientation for this Mentoring Faculty Development Institute (FDI) will be on **Wednesday, September 9**th from **12:00-1:30**. Lunch provided.

Your new/almost new full time faculty can learn more about this and register at: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/cetl/faculty-development/ click on Faculty Development Institutes.

- 8. **Faculty Social Hours** Oakland University Faculty Social Hours are held the 2nd Thursday of every month from **4:00-6:00**. **Thursday, September 10th** and Thursday, October 8th they will be at **Finnegan's Restaurant** at the Golf Club House. Please encourage your faculty to drop in for socializing. Each person is responsible to pay for their own purchases. Great time to relax and network.
- 9. Orientations for the other FDI (year-long cohorts) are:
 - a. Team Based Learning- Thursday, September 10th 12:00-1:30 lunch provided
 - b. **Technology for Technophobes- Wednesday, September 16**th **12:00-1:30** lunch provided Information and Registration for both FDIs can be found at: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/cetl/faculty-development/ click on Faculty Development Institutes
- 10. We encourage you (or have a representative from your department) to register for the **Faculty Feedback Workshop** on **Thursday, September 17**th from **12:00-1:30**. Lunch provided. This session will help you and your faculty learn how and why to use the new system that will be replacing MSEs and Early Alert beginning this fall. You can register for this and other workshops at:

 http://wwwp.oakland.edu/cetl/faculty-development/ and click on Workshops
- 11. **Graduate Teaching Assistant Series** We will be offering a workshop series for Graduate Students who are T.A. and/or wish to become future faculty. This is a free, non-credit course. A letter has been sent to them directly. If you have faculty, who have a T.A. please encourage them to consider this year-long series (which will meet everything 3-4 weeks throughout the year. The Orientation to the series is on: **Thursday, September 10**th **from 6:00-7:30.** Dinner will be provided. Students can register at: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/cetl/gradseries/

Good luck as you embark on a new semester. Feel free to contact me at any time at ableser@oakland.edu Respectfully,

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