

Florida Gulf Coast University's Faculty Academy

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Sponsored by: Offices of Graduate Studies, Off-Campus and Continuing Education, Academic Affairs, Research and Sponsored Programs, Curriculum and Instruction, the FGCU Library, and the Florida Institute of Government.

Concept:

FGCU faculty members are challenged by the difficulties associated with employment at our comprehensive university where the demands of teaching and service often overwhelm one's capacity to be a productive scholar. In addition, because faculty scholarship is often fostered through graduate and undergraduate research, mentorship is an additional skill worth honing. In order to facilitate faculty professional development the Faculty Academy will provide an annual series of workshops, programs, and seminars designed to improve faculty scholarship and student mentorship.

Faculty members, after attending a minimum number of programs, will receive a certificate of accomplishment. The Office of Graduate Studies will be the lead administrative body organizing the events and will track the involvement of our faculty.

Faculty Academy Programs:

1. Time Management Workshop: Balancing Teaching, Scholarship, Service, and a One's Personal Life
A three-hour workshop that provides strategies for prioritizing and managing the multifaceted professional demands of a university faculty member. Offered once or twice a year; next offering sometime the weeks of November 12 or 26.
2. Grantsmanship Workshop
Multi-day workshop operated by The Grantsmanship Center. Faculty members leave with a draft of a proposal. Offered once per year, either off site or on campus, with financial support from ORSP. Next anticipated date in Spring, 2008.
3. Enhancing Scholarly Productivity Through Teaching
A two-hour program of presentations and moderated discussion that reviews various approaches that combine teaching and scholarship to further enhance faculty productivity. Offered once or twice a year; first offering anticipated in January, 2008.
4. Graduate Student Mentorship
A three-hour workshop that presents a couple of models for effective student mentorship. Offered once or twice a year; first offering anticipated in March, 2008.

5. Team Building for Academics

Program that provides training to assist collaborative team-building among faculty to enhance teaching and scholarship. Program still being conceptualized; first offering uncertain.

6. Library Resources

This program would be similar to the training programs already offered by the library, but would be included with the Academy for completeness. Frequency and date of offering has yet to be determined.