

How about a FIG?

Faculty Inquiry Groups (FIGS) is a professional development program in which a small group of faculty members (4 - 10 maximum) meet in person or online at least five times throughout the academic year or a term to work together on a specific question, issue, or concern in their teaching and/or their students' learning.

Topics of recent FIGS:

- Best practices in laboratory activities for introductory biology courses.
- Research and strategies to help underprepared students move onto career and college pathways.
- Teaching online in the sciences
- Examining a critical work that argues for sweeping changes in composition instruction
- Topics of mutual concern for Physics and Mathematics instruction

Why participate in Faculty Inquiry Groups?

- to meet with colleagues to discuss and/or research a particular issue related to teaching your discipline
- to meet with other interested colleagues for an informal discussion of teaching and learning
- to collaborate with other faculty to research and discuss a specific topic or project that will have an impact on student learning
- to learn and share ideas around a common theme or question in teaching and learning
- to continue to develop professionally as a college teacher and faculty member

Guidelines for forming and maintaining a Faculty Inquiry Group:

- Groups may be from the same discipline or cross-disciplinary.
- Each group must have a specific focal topic, issue, concern, question, project, or problem that it will spend the term and/or year addressing.

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FPD Programs:

- ◆ Faculty Inquiry Groups
- ◆ Discipline Contact Grants
- ◆ Paid Sabbaticals
- ◆ Unpaid Sabbaticals
- ◆ Professional Activities Funding
- ◆ Faculty Connections
- ◆ Academic Colloquia
- ◆ Teaching Squares
- ◆ New Dimensions Teaching Course
- ◆ Class observations & feedback

For more information about any of these programs, please visit the FPD website at:

<http://lanecc.edu/fpd>

or contact:
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FPD Coordinator
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New Dimensions Teaching Seminar Offered

Faculty members Susan Reddoor and Nadia Raza are teaching this highly interactive course for faculty across disciplines to explore the practices and insights of highly successful teachers. Whether you have been teaching for two years or twenty, this course offers a forum to examine contemporary re-

search on components that define excellent college teaching. Offered Winter 2011 and again next year, each participant will have the opportunity to shape their course of study and contribute their expertise. Consider enrolling in this course designed by faculty for faculty next year.





More Faculty Professional Development Programs

* Interested in giving an academic and/or artistic presentation on campus?

FPD's Academic Colloquia program sponsors these talks, and presenters are awarded a \$200 honorarium. Find details and the proposal form at <http://lanecc.edu/fpd/colloquia.html>

* Would you like to attend a conference, take a course, or study online?

FPD offers up to \$2400 for such expenses (including registration, travel, food, lodging, etc.) every three years for eligible faculty members through our Professional Activities Pro-

gram. All contracted faculty as well as part-time faculty with an annual average of .2FTE and one year teaching at Lane are eligible. Details and the online application are available at: <http://lanecc.edu/fpd/grants/profactivities/index.html>

* New Faculty?

Are you new to Lane or would you like to become more integrated in the life of the college? Pair up with a mentor, attend social events and participate in the Fall orientation program by contacting current Faculty Connections Coordinator, Dennis Gilbert.

* Would you like confidential feedback on your teaching?

Experienced faculty with teaching expertise are available to observe your classes and meet with you to de-brief afterward. Find out more at: <http://www.lanecc.edu/fpd/classroomobservation.html>

* Need funds for professional memberships and journal subscriptions?

Disciplines can apply for up to \$500 per year for memberships and subscriptions. More information is available at: <http://lanecc.edu/fpd/grants/discipcontactgrants.html>

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- One faculty member must agree to facilitate the group. This person will arrange and announce meeting times, dates, and locations; manage the group's finances; and make any necessary arrangements for the group's activities. The facilitator is also responsible for submitting a brief report after the final meeting that lists the

members who attended and summarizes each of the meetings in a few sentences.

- Participants will be awarded \$200 honoraria.
- Participants may be invited to share the results of their projects and discussions with colleagues at LCC, and are encouraged to consider presenting an Academic Colloquium.
- Groups may be awarded up to \$500 for a guest speaker, materials, etc.

- All faculty members are eligible to participate.

How can I apply?

First, complete the proposal Form online at: <http://lanecc.edu/fpd/facultyinquirygroups.html> .

For further information, or to discuss a possible focus topic for your group, please contact the FPD Coordinator, Adrienne Mitchell at: mitchella@lanecc.edu

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—MAYA
ANGELOU

Take Note: Announcements

Upcoming Colloquium:

Faculty member Karen Krumrey will present, "East Meets West/ Muslim meets Christian Worlds," about her international CIEE experience at 3 p.m., Feb. 17th.

Teaching Squares, Spring:

Observe other instructors in action and discuss teaching with colleagues in a small group by participating in FPD's popular program. Participants are awarded a stipend, and more informa-

tion is available online at: <http://lanecc.edu/fpd/teachingsquares.html>

Sabbatical Deadline:

4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8th is the application deadline for paid sabbaticals for the 2011-2012 academic year. Details online at: <http://www.lanecc.edu/fpd/grants/sabbatical/paid/>

Faculty Connections Coordinator Search

Contracted faculty members are eligible for this position

to coordinate Lane's comprehensive new faculty orientation program. Application materials are due to Tamara Pinkas by 5:00 p.m on Monday, January 31, 2011. Details are online at: <http://www.lanecc.edu/fpd/>

Only Connect: Integrative Learning and Student Success Workshop April 21-22:

Details online at: <http://www.lanecc.edu/lc/fresources/IntegrativeLearning.htm>

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-DAVID
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Thank Your FPD Committees

The success of FPD lies with its committees. FPD would like to thank the following committee members for their dedication in serving the faculty of Lane Community College.

FPD Oversight:

- Pat Boleyn, PT representative
- Dennis Gilbert, Science
- Christine Grutta, ABSE
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- Judy McKenzie, ALS
- Satoko Motouji, Art
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- Doug Smyth, Counseling
- Merrill Watrous, Cooperative Education

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- Jeffrey Borrowdale, Social Sci.
- Stephen Johnston, ALS

Class Observations:

- Susan Reddoor, ALS

- Merrill Watrous, Coop Ed.

Faculty Connections:

- Dennis Gilbert, Faculty Connections Coordinator
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- Jody Anderson, Social Science
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- James Florendo, Multicultural Center
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- Nadia Raza, Social Science
- Susan Reddoor, ALS

Faculty Inquiry Groups:

- Velda Arnaud, Business
- Paul Bunson, Science

T2T/ Teaching Squares

Collaboration:

- Meredith Keene-Wilson, Media Arts
- Adrienne Mitchell, FPD

FPD Coordinator:

- Adrienne Mitchell

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