

Conference Announcement

Faculty Professional Development: Advancing Excellence in the SUNY Academy March 13-14, 2008 Renaissance Syracuse Hotel

The Provost's Office of SUNY System Administration, the University Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges are pleased to host a major event on Faculty Professional Development: Advancing Excellence in the SUNY Academy, which will explore the various strategies, elements and challenges of offering professional development opportunities for faculty. You are invited to participate in this gathering of campus representatives, which will include administrators, faculty, and staff responsible for and/or interested in faculty development.

Speakers will give presentations on a variety of important subjects, covering a wide range of issues related to faculty professional development, such as:

- Design and operation of faculty development centers
- Recruitment and orientation
- Mentoring
- Supporting new faculty and historically underrepresented groups
- Developing excellent adjuncts
- Keeping senior faculty invigorated
- Supporting research on pedagogy, in disciplines, or in the classroom
- Examples of model strategies or programs
- Funding for activities
- Assessing effectiveness of activities
- Service learning
- Recognition of achievements

The keynote speaker, Dr. L. Dee Fink established the Instructional Development Program at the University of Oklahoma in 1979 and served as director of this program until 2005. He has also been an active member of the Professional and Organizational Network in Higher Education, the primary national and international organization for faculty and instructional development, for the past 20 years. He was a member of the POD Executive Committee (1999 – 2002) and served as President from 2004-2005. He has co-directed one-day workshops for new faculty developers at the annual POD conference for the past ten years, and has been a regular session leader at POD's Summer Institute for new faculty developers. Dee has published a number of books and articles on four general subjects: college teaching, evaluating college teaching, new faculty members, and instructional development programs. He currently works as a national and international consultant on higher education.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Renaissance Syracuse Hotel (315-479-7000) in accordance with campus travel procedures. Be sure to indicate that you will be attending the SUNY Faculty Development Conference so that you can get the special conference room rate.

Conference registration will be provided online through the University Faculty Senate Website.

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