

Faculty Center Newsletter

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New !

The Faculty Center is looking to build up a collection of reappointment, tenure and promotion (to both associate and full professor) files for faculty to use as a resource in their personnel actions. We do not need the entire file, but rather narratives, organizational descriptions and examples of the type of materials that were included so people can get an idea of what should be in their file.

Please send all submissions to Phil Hotchkiss, Mathematics; any questions please contact Phil at x5575 or via e-mail at photchkiss@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu

Focus Series

Beginning this semester the Faculty Center renamed its afternoon series for college community members to report on and share their current research with colleagues. Inter-ested? Contact Ricki Kantrowitz (ex 5378), Marsha Marotta (ex 5374), or Rick Rees (ex 5370).

Faculty Achievements

We are always looking for...

Publications, artwork, and other expressions of faculty professional activities for display and review in Parenzo 222 and 226, the Faculty Center. If you would like to share materials, or make suggestions about how to make them more widely accessible to the faculty, send materials to Corinne Ebbs and share your ideas with any of us.

Remaining Fall Brown Bag Lunches

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NEXT: (5) Wednesday

Nov. 12, noon-1:00p

Teaching in a Time of Declining Resources

Discussion: Jack Loughney (Honors & Philosophy)

(1) Tuesday

Sep. 16, 11:30a-12:30p

Teaching *Life of Pi*

Discussion: George Layng (English)

(2) Thursday

Oct. 2, 12:30-1:30p

Diversity at Westfield: Dialogue

Continues Us?

Discussion: Ruth Ohayon (Foreign Languages & Literatures)

(3) Wednesday

Oct. 15, 12:30-1:30p

Is Big Brother Watching Us?

Discussion: Larry Griffith (Computer Science)

(4) Thursday

Oct. 30, 12:30-1:30p

What Do You Do When a Class

Turns South?

Discussion: Phil Hotchkiss (Mathematics)

The Faculty Center

The Faculty Center promotes discussion of and reflection on our faculty's ideas and concerns about teaching, learning, scholarship, and the profession. The Center seeks to foster a community that celebrates both the diversity of individual fields of study and the unity of academic inquiry.

Web Page

The web address above leads to an archive of newsletters and related information and links.

In addition...

We expect to buy books on teaching and the profession for the Center's library. E-mail or call Corinne Ebbs (ex 5464 or cebbs@wsc.ma.edu) with suggestions for books, materials, artworks, or periodicals.

Continuing Service

Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour

During the winter, coffee and conversation with colleagues will again be available in the Faculty Center (Parenzo 215) at 9:00am on Wednesdays. Please drop by.

Faculty Center Committee

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For 2003-2004

Proposing Lunch Topics

Topics can be wide-ranging in terms of the mission statement above, and of interest to faculty. Anyone proposing a session can organize other professors or staff to attend and share their ideas and observations informally, open with topic.

More details available from commit-tee members. Proposals can be formally addressed to Profs. Ricki Kantrowitz (Psychology, ex 5378) or Marsha Marotta (Political Science, ex 5374). Sessions rotate among mid-week days during mid-day (11:30a to 1:45p).

Fall Focus Series Events

"Information Literacy at WSC"

The October 8 Focus session was presented by Corinne Ebbs of the library .

Session Postponed

The November 5, 2003 Focus on Jackie Sheehan's new novel, *Truth*, will be re-scheduled soon.

Reports on Brown Bag Lunches

Is Big Brother Watching Us?

On Wednesday, October 15, a Faculty Brown Bag lunch discussion was attended by fifteen faculty and administrators; Larry Griffith hosted the session.

Vice President for Information Technology Dr. Steve Reynolds presented his views on email administration at WSC, and outlined the general policies he has tried to follow regarding faculty privacy for email and campus computers.

Because Westfield is a state institution, while on campus policies about such matters govern normal use, in the event of legal or police investigations users can expect no privacy over computers assigned to them or their email, document, or application files. All faculty use of state computers should be governed by that realization. Several attending also detailed examples of discoveries of large music files on college machines, and general problems with student usage of college computing and email systems.

Several professors also presented examples of research topics, which had already or might lead to suspicion about faculty use of college computers. While the administrators repeated their intention to protect legitimate projects by professors, some forms of research might not be seen as defensible from outside perspectives.

- Jack Loughney