**Reports & Updates from Faculty Assembly Committees,**

**Faculty Resource Center, and Instructional Design Center**

10/15/14

**General Education Task Force II**

Chair: Ed Shannon (eshannon@ramapo.edu)

<http://www.ramapo.edu/task-force-2/>

We continue to meet with small focus groups weekly and are keeping to the FA schedule for Dec/Jan.

**General Education Curriculum Committee (GECCo)**

Chair: Ashwani Vasishth (vasishth@ramapo.edu)

GECCo has published the Written Communication Assessment report and the Quantitative Reasoning report to its web page.

The Critical Inquiry Assessment and the Interdisciplinary Assessment reports are being finalized and will be posted shortly.  Sub-Committees are currently working on the Information Literacy Assessment and the Oral Communication Assessment.

**Academic Review Committee (ARC)**

Chair: Thierry Rakotobe-Joel (trakotob@ramapo.edu)

<http://www.ramapo.edu/fa/arc/>

We continue to review the requests received to date. Deadline for ARC requests is today, 10/15. Please work with your ARC representative to ensure that packets are complete.

**Task Force on Academic Engagement and Excellence (AEE)**

Chair: Eric Karlin (ekarlin@ramapo.edu)

Please see the [Charge of the Task Force on Academic Excellence and Engagement](http://www.ramapo.edu/fa/files/2013/04/AEE-charge.pdf) on the FA website.

**Faculty Resource Center (FRC)**

Director: Nicholas Salter (nsalter@ramapo.edu)

<http://www.ramapo.edu/frc/>

Faculty Development Day is next Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, 10am-1pm. Co-sponsored by FRC and IDC. See pages 2-3 for more information.

**Instructional Design Center (IDC)**

Director: Michael Bitz (mbitz@ramapo.edu)

<http://www.ramapo.edu/idc/>

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**Faculty Development Day:**

Wednesday, October 22, 10:00am – 1:00pm

This is a concentrated block of time for instructors to join together, discuss teaching, and develop their skills.  Multiple offerings will be scheduled at the same time to provide as many opportunities for participation as possible.  All are encouraged to attend!

**10:00 – 11:00 am**

Option A: Scholarship Workshop: Including Students in Scholarship (Sponsored by FRC)

Location: B – 225

Involving students in our scholarship can be a mutually beneficial relationship; we benefit by receiving their help and unique insights into our projects, and they benefit by gaining experience that can help them with job and grad school applications. However, it can be difficult at times to find the best ways to get them involved; sometimes it feels like it would be less work just to do it ourselves. In this Scholarship Circle, we will discuss strategies for incorporating students into our scholarship. Seasoned Ramapo scholars will begin the discussion by offering suggestions on how they do this, but the majority of the discussion will be an open discussion for all participants. Come with your thoughts and questions!

Option B: Teaching with Mobile Technology: Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones in the Classroom (Sponsored by IDC)

Location: B – 226

Rather than banning technology from the classroom, learn how to embrace the powerful tools that students bring into class. This workshop will present strategies and address concerns about the use of mobile devices in instruction.

**11:00am – 12:00pm**

Option A: Flipping the Classroom (with IDC) (Sponsored by FRC)

Location: B – 225

Spend less time lecturing and more time addressing student learning needs. This is the goal of flipping the classroom. Teachers utilize technology to guide content learning at home; students practice the concepts in class with individualized support. This workshop will explain this shift in instructional paradigms and provide strategies and resources for successful classroom flipping.

Option B: Accessible Technology in the Classroom (Sponsored by IDC)

Location: B – 226

Learn how to use technology to make your courses immediately accessible for all students, including special needs learners. This workshop will introduce the barriers that many students face to learning, and how you can overcome those barriers with software, hardware, and apps.

**12:00 – 1:00pm**

Option A: Faculty Panel on Incorporating Diversity into Teaching (with DAC) (Sponsored by FRC)

Location: B – 225

*Diversity In Teaching* is a series of events which began in spring 2014 with a student roundtable where faculty heard about students’ classroom experiences related to diversity. On October 22, we will shift the focus on faculty. In “What was I thinking?” we will open up a roundtable discussion in which instructors can share challenging teaching moments and techniques for inclusive teaching. We will end the event with a series of suggestions and resources on how to better incorporate diversity in teaching.

Option B: New Technology Resources for the Classroom (Sponsored by IDC)

Location: B – 228 (Computer Lab)

This workshop introduces free web-based tools for tech-infused instruction and student engagement. Areas addressed are research tools, concept mapping, crowd sourcing, and more. These tools are applicable to all content areas and can be applied with the technology already available in our classrooms.