

## **2006-07 Annual Report of the Adelphi Faculty Senate Committee on Teaching and Advisement**

Committee members during 2006-07: Sue Greenfield (Nursing), chair; Lawrence Hobbie (Biology), Cynthia Demetriou (Academic Services), Elsa Bekkala (Art Education), Richard Belson (Social Work), Jenine DeMarzo (Health Sciences), Astrid Palm (FCPE), Elizabeth Cohn (Nursing), Patrick Kelly (History), Ruth McShane (College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office), Flo Myers (Communication Sciences), David Parkin (Chemistry), Henrietta Pearlman (Learning Center), Janet Cohen (Learning Disabilities), Cindy Arroyo, Jean Harris (HS/Ed), Miriam Peper-Sanello (Education), Joyce Silberstang, and Justyna Widera (chemistry).

The committee met on the following dates: October 4, 2006, November 8, 2006, December 2, 2006, February 21, 2007, March 21, 2007, and April 25, 2007

In 2006-2007 the Teaching and Advisement Committee carried out its mandate to work for good teaching at Adelphi by organizing teaching workshops, brown-bag luncheons, and by political action.

### **Workshops:**

October 5, 2006, "Bringing it all back home: Considering the Impact of International Teaching on Teaching at Adelphi. Moderated by Carol Cohen, the panelists Roni Berger, Katherine Flynn, and Christopher Lyndon-Gee discussed the impact on their work at Adelphi after teaching at international sites.

October 11, 2006, "Encouraging Student Responsibility through Academic Advising." Presented by Cynthia Demetriou she shared ideas on using worksheets, defining expectations, and pre-planning to better advise students who take responsibility for their academic plan.

November 29, 2006, "The Passion of Teaching." Panelists and previous winners of the AU Teaching Award, Katie Laatikainen, Adam McKeow, and Nick Petron discussed where their passion comes from and how they keep it alive in the classroom.

March 22, 2007, "Workshop on Extreme Learning." Presented by Liz Cohn and guests Ron and Bea Gross from Columbia University. Using Six Thinking Hats by deBono, the audience was led through ways of encouraging and leading group discussions in the classroom.

April 26, 2007, "Gadgets for Non-Geeks." Astid Palm led a "hands-on" demonstration of cameras, pod casting, clickers, and other gadgets available to faculty by the FCPE.

### **Brown Bag Lunches:**

October 25, 2006, "grade Inflation: Fact, Myth, or Pressure." We discussed if grade inflation is real on our campus and if so, why.

March 28, 2007, “The Fulbright Experience.” Presented by Mary Cortina and Steve Rubin, they described the application process and had multiple handouts for faculty.

April 23, 2007 Provost Welsh was our guest for an open forum of questions and answers.

During the previous academic year, our committee discussed, approved, and brought to the full Faculty Senate a resolution that course syllabi of previous-offered courses should be posted and available to students to aid them in course selection. The Senate adopted the resolution. During 2006-07 Greenfield has been coordinating with the Information Technology Department on this issue, but technical difficulties in dealing with the many formats in which syllabi are submitted have delayed implementation until Fall 2007.

The committee coordinated with the FCPE to update the Teaching and Advisement website. It should be ready to be launched fall 2007.

One of our members, Liz Cohn, implemented “Teaching Tips.” These great ideas for the classroom are email every two weeks and have been very well received by the faculty.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Greenfield  
Chair, Teaching and Advisement Committee