

2008-09 Annual Report of the Adelphi Faculty Senate Committee on Teaching and Advisement

Committee members during 2008-09: Jean Harris (Health Studies), chair; Lawrence Hobbie (Biology), Annette Uvena (Academic Services), Astrid Palm (FCPE), Elizabeth Cohn (Nursing), Patrick Kelly (History), Ruth McShane (College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office), Henrietta Pearlman (Learning Center), Janet Cohen (Learning Disabilities), Cindy Arroyo (Comm Science), Miriam Pepper-Sanello (Education), Diane Caracciolo (Education), Laraine Wallowitz (Education), Luda Bryzzheva (TESOL), Maureen Roller (Nursing), Courtney Lee Weida (Art Education), Flo Meyers (Education)

The committee met on the following dates: September 18, 2008, October 16, 2008, November 13, 2008, February 12, 2009, March 11, 2009, and April 29, 2009.

In 2007-2008 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. Attendance was taken at all committee meetings and minutes were recorded. This information is available from Jean Harris, committee chair.

Workshops:

November 19, 2008, "Teaching Award Winners Panel" The panelists were Lawrence Hobbie (Biology faculty), Laraine Wallowitz (Education) and Terrence Ross (Communications). Panelists discussed their philosophy and instructional practices.

February 5, 2009, "It's Not Your Father's Powerpoint Anymore." Stephen Rubin (Education), Carol Diakow (Biology) Courtney Lee Weida (Education) each presented ways they use powerpoint for instructional purposes. See videostream at Teaching and Advisement website <http://fcpe.adelphi.edu/cta>

April 8, 2009, "Helping Students During Difficult Times: Financial." Rakesh Gupta (business), Sheryl Mihopolus (Financial Aid) and Tom Ward (Career Center) each presented information to support faculty in their role as advisors.

Brown Bag Lunches:

October 13, 2008, "A Discussion with Acting Provost Gayle Insler." This brown bag was attended by 25 faculty representing 18 different programs/departments. Many different topics were discussed.

October 30, 2008, "Making Modifications to Your Syllabus and Course Assignments to Accommodate Students with Disabilities." This event was co-sponsored with the Individuals with Disabilities Committee as part of Disabilities Awareness Week.

March 5, 2009, "The Haves and Have Nots: A discussion among faculty at various stages of the Moodle conversion." Emilia Zarco (Health Studies), Ganish Pandit (Business), Charles Shopsis (A&S) each shared how they use Moodle; discussion, Q & A followed.

April 27, 2009, "What Constitutes Instructional Time?" A discussion among faculty that addressed Adelphi's compliance with instructional regulations for higher education and the various ways faculty "teach" beyond traditional classroom seat time.

Other Activity:

The online syllabi initiative was launched during fall semester. There are 1216 eligible faculty. As of May 7, 2009, 42 faculty have uploaded 105 documents. This is a 100% increase from the initial launch date.

The committee initiated a new series to address student issues that may arise during advisement. The first workshop in the series titled, "Helping Your Students During Difficult Times" was held in Spring semester.

The Teaching and Advisement committee's website was continuously updated through the FCPE. Committee archives, teaching resources and related information is available at <http://fcpe.adelphi.edu/cta/>.

As Teaching and Advisement Committee chair, Jean Harris was a member of the Faculty Center for Professional Excellence Advisory Committee and attended meetings during 2008-2009. Major items discussed over the year included transitioning from Blackboard to Moodle, technology needs of faculty and ideas for new faculty orientation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Harris
Chair, Teaching and Advisement Committee