



“FACET advocates pedagogical innovation....”

excerpt from FACET Mission

## FACULTY COLLOQUIUM ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

### From the desk of Robin



Over the past several months, I have met with FACET members on several campuses including

Bloomington, East, Indianapolis, South Bend, and South East. If I didn't get a chance to talk with you during my visit, I hope you feel free to contact me directly. If I haven't found my way to your campus yet, I hope to get there in the fall. Each campus has different concerns but there is one overarching theme that characterizes the conversations I've had with all FACET members – excellence in teaching. Over the next year, we will be developing a statewide effort in regards to peer review of teaching. We would like to create a list of best practices in peer review and a smorgasbord of options to facilitate peer review of teaching on the local campuses. If you have ideas about how FACET can advocate for excellence in Peer Review of teaching, please share them with the FACET office.

### Teaching Innovations

Who is your teaching self?

In a recent Chronicle article, Robert A. Weisbuch, president of Drew University, shared candidly how his favorite radio DJ and a former professor shaped his development as a classroom teacher (<http://chronicle.com/article/My-Academic-Life-Was-Saved/127068/>). We are all influenced to some degree by the people we meet and the paths we choose. For Dr. Weisbuch as much as he wanted to emulate his former professor and incorporate long, languishing pauses in his classroom for students to mull over the most recent literary marvel he had shared, he couldn't overcome his impulse to react, keep the moment moving, and talk to fill that 'dead air.' Ultimately, he found his own classroom persona and became a better teacher for it.

So, who were your influences? How did you incorporate those influences into your own teaching persona? What path lead you to the world of academe? How can you harness popular cultural experiences to connect with your students in the classroom today? What part of your classroom persona do you want your students to emulate?

Take this discussion to FACET's Facebook page. Search IU FACET on Facebook to connect with other members and learn about their paths.

### Campus Updates

May 20 - 22, 2011: 23rd Annual FACET Retreat located at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre in downtown Indianapolis.

The Steering Committee will meet on May 19th prior to the retreat. Harvey Bender, widower of founding FACET Director Eileen Bender and Friend of FACET, will be providing the keynote address for our inaugural Eileen Bender Memorial Lecture on Friday evening. On Friday evening, we will induct 17 new members to FACET. Leah Savion, IUB faculty and recipient of the 2010 PA Mack Award will deliver a keynote address on Saturday afternoon titled, "Persistent Misconceptions: The Cognitive Story." Additional details are available at: <http://www.facet.iupui.edu/retreat.php>

#### *Planning Ahead:*

2012 Retreat: May 18-20 at Potawatomi Inn in Angola, IN

2013 Retreat: May 17-19 at French Lick Resort in French Lick, IN

Please keep the FACET office abreast of FACET and SoTL related activities on your campus so that we might schedule our 2011-2012 campus visits accordingly and offer our support.

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