

Faculty Resource Fair Participant Description

Committee for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT)
<p>The mission of the Committee for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) includes fostering collaborations among faculty and with students to build a scholarly community around issues of teaching and learning. With members from all areas of faculty and administration, CELT's goals are to enhance curricula and instructional modes to actively engage learners in connecting theoretical and applied knowledge and improve the quality of their learning. Programs sponsored by CELT include Book Discussion Groups, Spring and Summer Workshops, and CELT Development Funds for teaching projects (funding up to \$2000.)</p>
Athletic Advisory Board
<p>The Athletics Advisory Board serves as a review and advisory body to the President of West Chester University. The Board will work closely with the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Director of Athletics assisting with the development of University's Athletics Program. It is made up of 7 faculty members, 6 administrators and three students.</p> <p>The Board is chaired by the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). The FAR's responsibilities include overseeing the well-being of student-athletes and acting as a liaison between academics and athletics.</p>
The Office of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs
<p>The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs assists faculty with integrating community engaged learning opportunities into their teaching and research. The Office works directly with more than 100 local community agencies. Departments that use service-learning in their courses cut across all five colleges. Resources offered to faculty include class presentations about the benefits of service-learning, sample syllabi, publication information, syllabi assistance, teaching materials, and assistance with creating collaborative partnerships with community agencies. WCU defines academic service-learning as a teaching method that combines community service with curricular goals as it focuses on critical, reflective thinking, and civic responsibility. Service-learning courses involve students in organized community service projects that address community needs, while developing their academic skills, sense of civic responsibility, and commitment to the community. West Chester University is a member of the PA Campus Compact and is proud to be awarded the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In addition, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has recognized WCU for Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships. For more information, go to www.wcupa.edu/volunteer.</p>

The Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP)

The mission of the Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP) is to enhance lifelong professional development in teaching, scholarship, and service. The mentoring relationships will support collegiality, effective communication, self-evaluation, and cultural competence, all of which enhance a stimulating and supportive university environment.

The FMP is open to all full-time Academic and Administrative faculty as defined by the most recent CBA. Faculty in all the university colleges and organizations (Arts and Science, Business and Public Affairs, Education, Health Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, and Non-Classroom Faculty) are eligible to participate as mentees and to serve as mentors. The program includes a one-time orientation session in the fall term and regular monthly meetings of mentoring pairs throughout the rest of the academic year.

The Sustainability Advisory Council

In 2010 WCU became a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining more than 600 institutions in expressing our deep concern about climate change and our commitment to educate students for a sustainable future. The university has made sustainability one of the five pillars of its strategic plan, created an Office of Sustainability, and adopted an ambitious Climate Action Plan that challenges us to make sustainability and climate change part of the educational experience of all WCU students. WCU's Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) welcomes the participation of new faculty members as we continue to offer sustainability-related curricular and pedagogical workshops for faculty from all colleges and disciplines. In addition to sustainability in curriculum and research, SAC members support sustainability initiatives in transportation, energy consumption, waste and recycling, dining services, campus grounds, and more. The university-wide SAC is made up of faculty, students, and staff who are excited to guide and support WCU's sustainability efforts. Please let us know you're joining us in this great work by emailing Sustainability@wcupa.edu.

WCU Faculty Senate

The mission of the Faculty Senate at West Chester University is to ensure classroom and non-classroom faculty involvement in the shared governance of the institution. A forum for advocating and evaluating institutional policy and related matters affecting the welfare of the University, the Faculty Senate is committed to fostering a climate that promotes the growth and development of faculty and students. Senate elections take place in the spring, and you might consider running for a college or at-large seat (terms of office are three years). You are also welcome to visit Senate meetings, which take place three times per semester, typically on Thursday or Friday afternoons. For further information, visit <http://www.wcupa.edu/facstaff/facultySenate/default.asp>.

Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy

The Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy strives to be a catalyst in enhancing the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, queer, questioning, agender, asexual, aromantic, and intersex students, staff, and faculty at West Chester University and beyond. While we explicitly name specific identities, we support all people within LGBTQIA+ communities and in our efforts to move from allyship to advocacy, we invite all WCU community members to actively engage in exploration and education around the intersections of gender, sexuality, and other social identities. Through visibility, outreach, programming, education, and community building, we work collectively to create an environment where trans and queer people feel supported and validated. We celebrate trans and queer identities through our values of intersectionality, social justice, advocacy, and wholistic wellness, and we encourage all people to hold themselves accountable and actively work towards a more equitable society.

Additionally, the Director of the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy chairs a university-wide LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Committee. The mission of the committee is to raise campus awareness, identify LGBTQIA+ equity concerns, provide education around LGBTQIA+ identities and experiences and build more welcoming and liberatory spaces for queer and trans people on campus and beyond. For more information and ways to get connected, please contact transandqueer@wcupa.edu or visit our website at <http://www.wcupa.edu/transandqueer>

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

It is the mission of the West Chester University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) to facilitate, coordinate, and safeguard the institution's research and creative activity enterprise in the interest of supporting faculty as they train students to succeed personally and professionally and contribute to the common good.

We provide faculty the following:

- Resources and assistance with proposal development.
- Training and monitoring of research and creative activity compliance.
- Opportunities to form interdisciplinary teams.
- Opportunities to develop intellectual property.
- Opportunities to integrate research and creative activity into coursework.
- Opportunities to collaborate with undergraduates.

Center for International Programs

Mission Statement: As a catalyst for comprehensive internationalization, the Center for International Programs leads the WCU community of educators in developing and preparing students to become globally aware and engaged members of a diverse society. WCU is a truly international university, with an international reach and impact. From our faculty and academic programs to our outreach and engagement programs, WCU's campus community is engaged on the world stage! The CIP strives to provide cohesiveness and direction for all international programming at West Chester University. A unit within the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, our objectives focus on WCU's comprehensive-internationalization initiatives for the campus and include:

- working with faculty and departments to develop academic exchange and faculty-led study abroad programs
- facilitate international travel processes for faculty and the university.
- managing WCU's agreements with international institutions
- immigration and orientation services for international students and visiting scholars
- global awareness activities through cultural and educational activities throughout the year to create a campus-wide global perspective

Twardowski Career Development Center

The mission of the Career Development Center is to educate students and alumni to actively develop and implement their academic, career, personal, and professional goals. We assist with individual career planning, career exploration and serve as a central location for employers to connect with WCU students. The Career Development Center has a professional staff liaison that collaborates with each College. We invite you to contact our office to connect with your department's liaison and discuss how we can support you and our students' success! Examples of successful faculty collaborations include classroom presentations, alumni and employer career panels, employer presentations, and cross-promoting employment and graduate school opportunities.

PA State Employees Credit Union

PSECU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative founded in 1934 by 22 ordinary people who wanted better choices for financial services. We've grown to more than 400,000 members with over \$4 billion in assets, making us one of the largest credit unions in Pennsylvania. Because you're a faculty member at West Chester University, you're eligible to apply for membership and take advantage of our free checking, free Bill Payer service, surcharge-free ATMs, mobile access and more. We also offer low-loan rates for vehicles, mortgages/equities, and credit cards. To learn more and join, visit psecu.com. This Credit Union is Federally Insured by the National Credit Union Administration. Equal Opportunity Lender. Equal Housing Lender.

Committee for Advising Excellence

The Advising Task Force was established in the Fall of 2014 by the Provost to implement the recommendations of the WCU strategic plan. The group comprises members from across the university: faculty representatives from all Colleges; Deans; students; representatives of university offices such as the Registrar and Career Center. It is involved in projects such as advising surveys, development of a new advising website, and increasing visibility of advising on campus, such as attending New Faculty Orientation for the first time.

Information Services & technology, EdTech & User Services

The West Chester University Information Services and Technology Division (IS&T) is dedicated to serving the University mission in all its elements through the strategic application of information technology. IS&T delivers and supports a variety of systems to the University community regardless of their location or device including communications networks, collaboration tools, software applications, and OneDrive cloud storage. EdTech & User Services consists of the IT Help Desk for staff and faculty, D2L (the learning management system) used by WCU to support online education for faculty and students, Tech Fee which acquires, installs, and maintains technologies, and Multimedia Services (Presentation systems and Video Conferencing rooms).

WCU Foundation

The West Chester University Foundation is a private foundation whose mission is to advance the educational purpose of West Chester University. From the perspective of faculty, the Foundation is often the primary partner to submit grants to private foundations and corporations for projects. The Foundation has Development Officers assigned to each College to facilitate fundraising from alumni and friends. Our goal is to increase the resources in the College for research, scholarships, projects, and any other function approved by the Dean.

APSCUF

Your local chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) is the voice of the faculty at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. As a group dedicated to quality higher education, we all benefit from faculty participation in shared governance. Our collective bargaining agreement guarantees participation in the hiring, tenure, and promotion processes, in sabbatical leave determination, and in curricular decisions. Through these provisions and others, faculty involvement in governance is assured and faculty have a major voice in determining the nature of our workplace and the future of our institution.

University Libraries

The University Libraries create dynamic environments to facilitate intellectual exploration, foster creativity, and educate our community.

Office of Distance Education

Office of Distance Education is a centralized office that supports the development, promotion, implementation, and assessment of distance education programs and courses at West Chester University. The office works closely with deans, department chairs, and faculty to expand existing distance education programs as well as identify and develop new programs. The office provides comprehensive services to support distance education faculty and students to offer high-quality distance education courses and ensure student success.

Student Leadership Project Team

The mission of the Student Leadership Project Team is to design and implement a comprehensive leadership development model for students involving curricular and co-curricular learning based on the themes of Education, Development and Training. Through our model, we wish participants to learn the following: Citizenship/Volunteerism, Collaboration, Commitment, Common Purpose, Conscious Followership, Controversy with Civility, Delegation, Empowerment, Integrity, Responsibility/Accountability, Self-Actualization, Self-Awareness, Ethics.

Honors College

Modeling a commitment to liberal arts and cross-disciplinary education, the Honors College (HC) celebrates outstanding students and encourages them to strive for a high level of academic excellence. We prepare students to become forces for positive change in the co-curricular life of the campus and the broader community through scholarship, service, teamwork, and leadership. We motivate student to develop character and value life-long learning. With the motto, ***To Be Honorable Is To Serve***, Honors is about the business of preparing leaders for the 21st century.