UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON

FACULTY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2011-2012

FACULTY-TO-FACULTY MENTORING PROGRAM

This initiative involves the mentoring of recently-appointed, tenure-track faculty (mentees) by tenured faculty members (mentors). The goal of the program is to assist new faculty in becoming acclimated to the University and provide support. It is *not* designed to replace other programs that already exist in the various academic units. ***Mentors are matched with mentees from outside their college or school*** in order to facilitate relationships that likely would not occur otherwise. Optional social events are offered for both mentors and mentees. Each academic year, approximately 50 mentees are matched with mentors, and both groups report that they benefit greatly from the program.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY SUPPORT SESSIONS

The purpose of this program is to assist tenure-track faculty with their scholarly activities as they move toward tenure and promotion. A number of panel discussions will be held during the academic year. The discussions will feature successful scholars from across the campus plus select administrators. Previous session topics have included *External Funding and Grant Development*, *Interdisciplinary Research*, *Understanding Tenure and Promotion Requirements and Procedures,* and *Tenure and Promotion from the Perspective of Recently Tenured Faculty*. These sessions are always well attended.

TEACHING CIRCLES

Teaching circles are small groups of faculty (both full and part time) that meet for informal discussions about a common theme or issue related to teaching and learning. Circle topics in prior years have included *Strategies for Supporting Student Success*, *Teaching with Technology*, *Active Learning Strategies*, and *Service Learning*. The circles are supported by selected readings, and they allow members to share experiences and offer support to each other. Over the last four years more than 150 UT Arlington faculty have participated in one or more Teaching Circles.

FACULTY GUIDE

The guide is composed of a collection of links to documents and web pages that are maintained and updated regularly such as the UT Arlington Handbook of Operating Procedures and the UT System Regent's Rules and Regulations. It is available at www.uta.edu/facultyguide.

ONLINE FACULTY BINDER

A binder similar to the one produced each year for the New Faculty Orientation is available on the Provost's webpage at www.uta.edu/provost. The binder is updated each August. It contains information about numerous campus resources including the Library, OIT, Student Affairs, Office for Students with Disabilities, Research Administration and many more.

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