DRAFT AGENDA: VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR FACULTY NEW TO VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
August 11-12, 2020

Given the COVID-19 context, the pre-Fall semester program will consist of three parts: (1) asynchronous course on learning-centered online teaching offered in Blackboard (LMS), accompanied by virtual, drop-in office hours; (2) August 11-12 synchronous program focused on transitioning into teaching position, discussing teaching practices that foster students’ learning, and introducing instructional resources; and (3) synchronous sessions during the fall semester to learn about opportunities and support for research and professional instructional development.

The August 11-12 virtual program has been designed to support you as a faculty member, engage you with colleagues, answer your questions, and begin your journey as a member of Villanova’s community.

Faculty Blog: Policies, academic resources, teaching practices and support for course preparation: http://vitalnfp.blogspot.com/

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview
Gabriele Bauer, PhD, Director, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL)
Andy-Guoqiang Cui, PhD, Associate Director for eLearning Pedagogy, VITAL

10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Welcome to the Villanova University Community and Mission
Rev. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., PhD, President
Beth Hassel, P.B.V.M., D.Min., Director, Center for Faith and Learning
Office for Mission and Ministry

10:20 – 10:45 a.m. Office of the Provost – Welcome, Academics and Resources
Patrick G. Maggitti, PhD, Provost
Craig Wheeland, PhD, Vice Provost for Academics
Randy Weinstein, PhD, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Who Are Our Students?

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Faculty Panel: Teaching in the COVID-19 Context: Considerations

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. TBD

Optional Sessions

2:00 – 3:15 p.m. (1) Blackboard LMS for Course Organization, Engagement and Assessment: Open Lab
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies and Colleagues, UNIT-IT and
Andy-Guoqiang Cui, VITAL

(2) Syllabus Discussion: Focus on Inclusion, Learning and Motivation
Gabriele Bauer, VITAL
Note. Please bring digital version of a syllabus of a course that you will be teaching in the fall semester for discussion and review.

Updated: July 15, 2020
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  Library Services for Faculty and Discussion with Liaison Librarians  
Millicent Gaskell, University Librarian and Director, [Falvey Memorial Library](#)  
Falvey Memorial Library Staff and Departmental Liaisons

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  How Can We Support Our Students to Succeed Personally and Academically?  
Nicole Subik, MS ED, Director, [Learning Support Services](#)  
Mary Beth Simmons, M.F.A., Director, [Villanova Writing Center](#)  
Joan G. Whitney, PhD, Associate Vice President and Executive Director and Julia Stein, PhD, Associate Director, [University Counseling Center](#)

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.  Inclusive Learning Environments

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.  Teaching at Villanova: Engaging the Heart and the Mind

3:45 p.m.  Thank You and Session Offerings in Fall  
Gabriele Bauer, VITAL

4:00 p.m.  Virtual Office Hours with VITAL *(Optional)*  
Gabriele Bauer and Andy Cui, VITAL

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