Community Building

AAN is continuing and reimaging work of the Office of Faculty and Organizational Development, including F&OD’s role in organizational development includes efforts to support and promote community building. This is particularly important at a large research university like MSU with over 10,000 academics in 18 colleges.

AAN's orientations, seminars, workshops and cohort programs all provide opportunities for informal networking, community building, in-depth conversations, and problem-solving, enabling academics from across the disciplines to come together for both academic and social experiences.

F&OD has sponsored an Annual Reunion of Fellows from the CIC Academic Leadership Program, Executive Leadership Academy, Lilly Fellows Program and Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation [1]. Over the past two decades, these cohort programs have included over 300 Fellows who have spent a year exploring academic leadership and/or teaching and learning. The Reunion Event provides a venue to reconnect annually with their cohorts, meet and network with new people from across campus who share their interests, and forge new collaborations and friendships. They also hear from an MSU campus leader about new and innovative initiatives at MSU.

AAN supports networks, including the Faculty Emeriti Association [2] (FEA), the Faculty Development Virtual Network [3], and the Network of Associate Deans and Directors of Faculty Development, which had its inaugural meeting in Spring
2012.

We participate in cross-campus networks, including the Intercultural Education Network (IEN), [4] that promotes and supports multicultural efforts across campus.

In the past, F&OD has been called upon to bring together members of the MSU and East Lansing or Lansing communities, including public discussions on current events and sponsoring Meet Michigan Traveling Seminars and Social Gatherings for Faculty.

If you have suggestions for additional ways to support our colleagues through cross-disciplinary events and networking, please contact Cindi Leverich at leaders@msu.edu [5]

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