



CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF FACULTY EXCELLENCE (CAFE)

Updates for AY 2023-2024

A bit of FCAM Housekeeping

- “Required vs. Recommended” – how do I know?
 - All required sessions are already pinned to your schedule – with the exception of the college meetings – they are all at different days and times so I did not pin those.
- Please double check the online schedule/Sched App for any changes to the schedule.
- Please use the “check-in” feature to log your attendance:
 - Any sessions you add to your schedule will have a “check-in” option right before the session starts.
 - We only plan on using the attendance logs for future planning purposes and for our new CAFE Perks program (details to follow).
- Please provide feedback for sessions you attended via the feedback survey button which will take you to an anonymous survey.
- Join us after lunch today for a faculty session with Dr. Kevin Gannon, the first 20 attendees who check in to that session will receive a free copy of his book, “Radical Hope: a teaching manifesto”.
- Come get a free Bojangles Biscuit and Coffee Wednesday between 8-10 a.m. sponsored by Career Services and Enterprise (while supplies last).

Any questions about the conference and meetings?

CAFE Advisory Board Roster:

- Wes Atkinson, CoAL and Associate Dean Rep – new this year
- Sarah Whiteford, CoBHS Rep – original member
- Susan Cockrell, CoB Rep – new since 2022
- Charles Gonzalez, CoE Rep – original member
- Christine Mathenge, CoSTEM Rep – original member
- Benita Bruster, Professor Rep – original member
- Eva Gibson, Faculty Senate Rep – new since 2022
- Rob Baron, Chair Rep – original member
- Nancy Gibson, Library Rep – original member
- Mickey Hepner, Ex-Officio Dean Rep – new this year
- Julie Hodges, Ex-Officio Staff Rep – new since 2022

Scholarly Teaching and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) focus for 2023-2024

- SoTL specific workshop scheduled for **Friday, September 15th**, led by Dr. Gregg Wentzell, Acting Director of Miami University's Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE). Registration is required and space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Details will be available this week via CAFE website and newsletter.
- Grants and Sponsored Programs will fund at least one SoTL research project via internal research grants. Details about applying for SoTL specific internal research funds will be provided via the workshop on September 15th.
- Additional resources, other internal and external funding opportunities, and SoTL specific conferences will be provided on the CAFE website.

Two Faculty Leadership Communities in 2023-2024

Faculty Leadership Program (FLP) returns this year with four faculty participants:

- Jeffery Williams, Music Department
- Charles Gonzalez, Teaching and Learning Department
- Jennifer Thompson, Allied Health Sciences Department
- Andrew Kostakis, Languages and Literature Department

Facilitated by CAFE Director, Melissa Kates

Participants will meet weekly and engage in leadership development activities, meet with university leaders, identify a topic and project for spring term.

NEW!! Mid-career Faculty Leadership Community: Engaging and Developing Women Leaders at APSU

8 participants:

- Kallina Dunkle, CoSTEM, Geosciences Department
- Jonniann Butterfield, CoBHS, Sociology and Community Development Department
- Kathryn Woods, CoBHS, Leadership Department
- Jessica Fripp, CoBHS, Psychological Sciences and Counseling Department
- Kim Coggins, CoBHS, Psychological Sciences and Counseling Department
- Adriane Sanders, CoBHS, Psychological Sciences and Counseling Department
- Melissa Kates, CoBHS, HHP Department

Shared leadership model, no specific facilitator.

Community will meet two Tuesdays each month.

New services offered by CAFE

- Teaching Consultations
 - Low stakes, confidential, one on one or small group consultations are being offered by CAFE.
 - Example of services:
 - Classroom observation and feedback
 - Curriculum mapping
 - Syllabus review
 - Assessment methods and strategies
 - Course redesign
 - Active learning strategies
 - Student engagement
 - Consultation requests can be made via CAFE website: <https://www.apsu.edu/academic-affairs/faculty/cafe/teaching-at-apsu/consultations.php>
 - We are also recruiting teaching consultants – if you are interested in serving as a consultant email cafe-fac@apsu.edu or katesm@apsu.edu
- Mid-semester student interview sessions
 - CAFE will come to your class, midterm, to conduct an informal interview session with your students regarding their learning in your class.
 - Provides real-time, qualitative feedback directly from your students.
 - To request a midterm interview session email cafe-fac@apsu.edu

New Student Course Evaluation Instrument

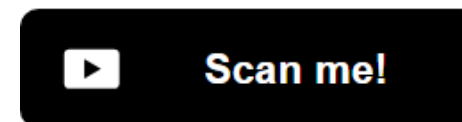
- Instrument developed by Dr. Donna Short (College of Education, Teaching and Learning Department) in consultation with Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs, and CAFE in 2021 and 2022
- Number of questions reduced from over 30 to 12 (not including 3 open ended questions)
- Open ended questions are more directed and actionable
- Set of questions ask students to reflect on their contributions to their own learning
- Piloted in Summer 2023
- Plans for full implementation Fall 2023
- Current IRB approved research project to gather student feedback regarding the new instrument via survey and focus groups this fall
- Will also gather faculty feedback for continuous improvement
- Plans to establish a regular review schedule to ensure instrument remains up to date and relevant

Big news!!! Introducing CAFE Perks

- A new loyalty rewards program being offered by CAFE – think Starbucks, Capital One, Southwest Airlines...
- Faculty earn points by participating in eligible workshops, programs, learning communities, and other initiatives
- Points can be redeemed for CAFE SWAG and Professional Development Funds
- Details will be provided on CAFE website and newsletter this month (August)
- Faculty must register for the program to accrue and redeem points
- Earn points this week by checking in to concurrent conference sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!
- Departments and other units can request to be a CAFE Perks partner and we'll include relevant programs and events as eligible for CAFE Perks points
- Stay tuned for more details!

Give to CAFE

- If you like this conference and other CAFE programs and initiatives, please consider giving to the CAFE Fund of Excellence.
- Every little bit helps
- All funds will go towards continued and evolving programs and services offered by CAFE.
- A donate button is included on every newsletter
- You can also donate this week via this QR code:



Thank you!

- Please join us in UC 305 after lunch for our Faculty Session with Dr. Kevin Gannon!