2014-2015 Orientation Sessions

**All Sessions are Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.**
**Free lunch at the Three Crowns Buffet and then meet in the St Peter Room**

All new faculty members are expected to attend orientation sessions throughout the academic year. Department chairs are asked not to schedule classes for new faculty during this time. Each session has a discussion topic and one or more faculty facilitator, to provide an opportunity to share information about the issues of primary importance to new faculty.

**September 9, 2014    (Heritage Room)
*Checking‐in session*** – checking‐in sessions provide an open‐ended opportunity for new faculty to get to know each other, share their experiences, and have their questions answered in a supportive environment.
Presenter: Paul Saulnier

**September 18, 2014
*Facilitating classroom discussion*** – a session on effective methods of engaging students in large and small group discussions.
Presenter: Lori Carson-Kelly

**October 16, 2014** (President's Dining Room)
***Grading rubrics and policies*** – a session on grading student assignments.  A variety of assignment types are discussed.
Presenter: Kate Knutson

**October 30, 2014
*Keeping students engaged*** – a session on overcoming the mid‐semester doldrums experienced in many classrooms.
Presenter: Alisa Rosenthal

**November 13, 2014
*What’s a liberal arts curriculum all about?  Plus, an overview of the Gustavus curriculum and the Gustavus Writing across the Curriculum program.***
Presenter: Steve Mellema and Deborah Goodwin

**November 20, 2014**
***Course evaluations*** – a discussion of effective methods for evaluating teaching.
Presenter: Paul Saulnier

**December 9, 2014**
***Becoming involved with interdisciplinary programs*** (joint with Teachers Talking) – a discussion of interdisciplinary programs at Gustavus.
Presenter: Arranged by Teachers Talking

**January 15, 2015 (non TT only)
*Maximizing the benefit of a visiting position*** (non‐tenure track only) – a discussion of strategies for making the most of a visiting position in the furthering of one’s career.
Presenter: Mary Gaebler and Matt Panciera

**January 29, 2015 (TT only)**
***Tenure review process at Gustavus*** (tenure‐track only) – an overview of the tenure review procedure at Gustavus.
Presenter: Jon Grinnell

**February 12, 2015 (TT only)
*Applying for internal and external grants*** (tenure‐track only) – a session on how to apply for the full range of internal and external grant opportunities.
Presenter:  Representative of the Faculty Development Committee (Rob Kendrick) and Bob Weisenfeld, Office of Government Grants and Sponsored Programs.

**February 19, 2015**
Checking-in – Paul Saulnier

**March 5, 2015**
***Academic advising at Gustavus*** – a discussion of how to be an effective academic advisor.
Presenter: Margo Druschel and Jane Lalim, Academic Support Center

**March 19, 2015
*Gustavus committee structure and shared governance*** – a discussion of the committee structure at Gustavus and how to become involved.   What does each of the committees do anyway?
Presenter: Michele Koomen, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate

**April 16, 2015
*Gustavus its Mission and Heritage*** – this session explores the mission of Gustavus and its unique place in higher education.  Topics include Gustavus as a liberal arts college, Lutheran higher education and Gustavus’s connection to the Lutheran (ELCA) church, and its Swedish immigrant roots.
Presenters:  Will Freiert, Glenn Kranking, and Marcia Bunge

**April 22, 2015  *New faculty mentor/mentee social*** (tenure‐track only) – a social for new tenure‐track faculty and their mentors. New faculty (and their mentors) from the past two years are also invited.
Presenter: None

**May 7, 2015 *Year in review and wrapping up the year*** – final session of the year where any outstanding questions are answered and faculty feedback about the new faculty orientation program is gathered.
Presenter: Paul Saulnier

The New Faculty Programming Faculty Associate for 2014-2015 is Paul Saulnier.