

LTC

**Orientation Workshop for New Academic Staff**

**11th & 19th February 2009 (combined)**

**Evaluation Feedback**

1. strongly disagree
2. disagree
3. agree
4. strongly agree

**Number of Forms: 30**

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
1	I received sufficient information about the workshop before it was held		6	14	10
2	The workshop room was appropriate in terms of facilities and comfort		1	16	13
3	The material was covered at an appropriate level of difficulty for me		1	14	15
4	I had opportunities to provide ideas and comments in the workshop			10	20
5	The workshop has given me useful strategies for my teaching			17	13
6	The length of the workshop was appropriate		3	23	4
7	The workshop was conducted in an interesting manner			18	12
8	Questions were answered in the workshop to my satisfaction			12	18
9	I would recommend this workshop to other staff members			14	16

**Comments**

**10. What were the main strengths of the workshop?**

- *Variety of topics covered.*
- *Well paced and interesting.*
- *Covered useful range of topics.*
- *Unit evaluations, assessment task 1.*
- *Variety of topics covered. Folder of information.*
- *A range of presenters with various expertise.*
- *Yoni's excellent presentation skills - other people involved sharing material.*
- *Good info in group activities/small and large groups, assesment sessions good.*
- *Brought my attention to specific ACU expectations re teaching/learning/assessment/reporting.*
- *Examining processes at a new university.*
- *Collegial forum/discussion, relevant information regarding students, assessment, eLearning etc.*
- *Small groupe size/interactive.*
- *Provided useful information that I would otherwise never had got the answers to.*
- *Comprehensive coverage, well organised.*
- *Well organsied, good handouts*
- *Things that I already knew about were highlighted or brought to my attention, making sure I remembered their importance. Also new techniques were introduced which can be used to improve my teaching skills.*
- *Clear sections of information provided.*
- *Not being stuck for too long on any one topic. Variety of presenters.*
- *Conducted on a national basis.*
- *Comprehensive notes to support lecture.*
- *Covered diverse information in short time period.*
- *The interaction between others to gain tips and ideas.*
- *The type of information covered, opportunity for Q&A, getting a sense of a multi-campus university.*
- *The use of technology was appropriate and gave the opportunity to feel more a part of ACU National.*
- *I enjoyed meeting other staff and discussing issues.*
- *Understanding ACU's standards and mission, ability to discuss ideas with colleagues, new ideas regarding learning & teaching.*
- *Great information.*

### **11 What aspects of the workshop, if any, could be improved?**

- *Too much for one day possibly better as two half days.*
- *Issue full program beforehand.*
- *More comfortable seats.*
- *More opportunities to move - hard to sit for long periods. Chairs uncomfortable.*
- *Small group was intimate - more participants perhaps.*
- *Just a bit much information to take in one day.*
- *None at this time.*
- *Found it all very valuable therefore no suggestions.*
- *Timed at a different period as we are so close to start of semester.*
- *Length - quite long. Some individual sessions could be streamlined.*
- *It was a bit long.*
- *Loreen's session was terrific but she spoke too quickly for me to follow at many points.*
- *More breaks and more activities.*
- *Probably getting people to change sitting/standing more. OH&S issues if in one position too long.*
- *I have had limited experience of video conferencing but found it quite demanding.*
- *None at this time.*
- *Timing of one of the sessions didn't allow for adequate questions/discussion*
- *A timetable with workshop program distributed pre workshop.*
- *Discussions at end rather than in the middle.*

### **12 What follow up processes or activities would be helpful for you?**

- *Additional information on research.*
- *I'll read up on links provided (good resource).*
- *Academic skills.*
- *Blackboard, eLearning*
- *Nil because it sounds like there are ongoing sessions available.*
- *Will keep you posted if any - not sure yet. Copy of powerpoints shared if possible.*
- *Follow up on assessment/evaluation.*
- *To be kept updated of new changes*
- *E Learning workshops*
- *Going through the unit outline to make sure it is covered from a different set of eyes*
- *Getting info about coming PD - which Yoni has just given me now. Thanks.*
- *More workshops on key areas, like assessments.*
- *Workshops on assessment and grading and responsibilities in this area.*
- *Having contents and links will be useful.*
- *Opportunities to develop mentoring or 'buddy' systems for new staff.*
- *Felt I was at the end of a camera at times.*
- *If someone attended one of our lectures in the first few weeks and provided us with feedback/guidance. Could email us and ask workshop attendees if they would like this opportunity.*
- *Going to ACU website to access further information.*

### **13 Do you have any other comments?**

- *Folder will be helpful. Group meeting/evaluation after the 1st sem - how did you go?*
- *The workshops mentioned throughout the day related to various specific topics.*
- *Thanks.*
- *I enjoyed the day. Would have been good to have other colleagues here to share it.*
- *Many thanks.*
- *Many thanks, I am glad I came.*
- *Useful. Would have been even better in my first year. Is this a new seminar? (as it was not run last year, if not new, running it each year would be great).*
- *Good workshop, more interactive activities would make it more interesting, even if they were simply reflective activities.*
- *Good day, worthwhile.*
- *Just thank you.*
- *A lot of information to take in on one day but valuable nevertheless.*
- *Very good orientation.*
- *Very useful. Like the folder also, much food for thought.*
- *This is much better than the support offered to me last year as a sessional lecturer.*

- *While I am a new lecturer to ACU, I have already discussed, attended debated, experienced many of the issues already raised. It would have been faster for me to read ACU policies (some of which I had already read). I think this workshop was more specifically designed for beginning educators/lecturers. Perhaps at the beginning of the session it would be useful to ascertain prior knowledge of ths group (even in video conferencing this would be possible).*
- *Wonderful, valuable.*