Call for Manuscripts

Communicating with Faculty

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COVID-19 emphasized underlying institutional communication issues. Universities were forced to move their daily operations and courses online resulting in additional email communication, increased virtual meetings, and amplified daily remote operations. Because of this shift, universities were forced to consider how they communicate both internally (to faculty and staff) as well as externally (to students and stakeholders).

While teaching and learning centers may not be solely responsible for communicating to faculty, they do tend to function as communication and information epicenters. As a result, faculty developers, and faculty teaching and learning centers tend to serve as information funnels taking information from administrators or different academic units and distilling that information down to faculty.

While some faculty centers may find it easy to create messages that are engaging, informative, clear, and helpful, others may find it difficult to cut through the clutter and communicate clearly with university faculty.

This special section of *JFD* asks faculty developers and faculty development professionals to share ways to actively communicate with faculty. Here is a sample list of possible topics:

- Connecting faculty
- Communicating crucial information
- Risk and crisis communication
- Encouraging remote and virtual operations
- Best practices for communicating with faculty
- Distributing information across faculty
- Communication with faculty in a COVID world

Submissions can be based on empirical evidence but it is not required. Additionally, submissions should be no longer than 1,500 words and must provide practical suggestions.

Manuscripts should follow APA style and be submitted as a Microsoft Word document, RTF, or PDF via https://bit.ly/JFD-submit-manuscript by **December 31, 2021**. You will be prompted to upload your manuscript during the submission process. The issue will be released in May 2022.