

Montana State University -Bozeman
Teaching Mentoring Program
Fall 2008

Description

The purpose of the program is to provide a mentor for new MSU tenure track faculty members that are starting their first academic job after graduate school and who are interested in having a mentor in the area of teaching. The program is voluntary. New faculty will be paired with same sex faculty outside of their department.

Objectives of Mentoring Relationship

1. Provide ideas and serve as a sounding board on teaching issues.

2. Introduce new faculty to the culture of MSU and provide help with the transition to life at MSU (helping find a balance between work and personal life)

3. Provide general support and encouragement.

Timeline and Time Commitment

The Teaching and Learning Committee will make pair new and experienced faculty in late September/early October. The matches will be expected to meet one-on-one two times during Fall Semester and three additional times in Spring Semester. Other meetings are at the discretion of the mentors and new faculty. The Teaching and Learning Committee will have one scheduled lunch for the matches each semester.

Questions about the program can be directed to Tracy Dougher, Associate Professor in Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology and Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, at 994- 6772, tracyaod@montana.edu.