

The University of Georgia
2009 Academic Affairs Faculty Symposium
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Charge to the Break-out Groups
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This year's symposium will address challenges and opportunities for achieving synergy through communication and collaboration at UGA. In particular, the symposium will examine how we interact within the university as individuals, departments, programs, and colleges. Further, we will examine mutual interactions and understanding between the UGA and other institutions, and with the public. In each discussion, we will consider ideas for improvement under all economic conditions, as well as those that are particularly timely during our current economic challenges. The participants are assigned to one of five break out groups.

Break-out Groups:

- A. Improving Understanding between UGA and the public (Bill Vencill)
 - B. Synergies Among Instruction, Research, and Service (Marcus Fechheimer)
 - C. Communication & Collaboration Among Faculty, Administration & Students (Jan Hathcote)
 - D. Communication Among Departments, Colleges, Centers and Institutes (Nelson Hilton)
 - E. Maintaining Quality Programs in Tough Times (Mark Huber)
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Charge:

1. Discuss the status of communication and collaboration in your assigned area:
 - Analyze and consider opportunities, challenges, and best practices.
 - How will communication and collaboration produce synergy?
 - What are the barriers, and how can we remove or circumvent them?
 - How can we recognize and reward communication and collaboration?
 - How can we assess the impact of collaborative scholarship?
 2. Develop a group report for an interactive discussion at the closing session consisting of a series of recommendations (bullet points). Each presentation will be 10-15 minutes (with discussion). You may elect to provide a handout, or to show a Powerpoint (limit one slide!). Team leaders or their designates may lead the presentation for each group.
 3. Develop and submit to the symposium planning committee a group report summarizing your findings. The reports will be compiled and disseminated in the symposium proceedings.
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