FORWARD *Speed Networking/Mentoring*
September 26th, 2013

<u>Attendance</u>
- Twenty seven people attended the training, and 20 completed evaluations.
  - Fifteen (75.0%) identified as assistant professors, one (5.0%) as an associate professor, three (15.0%) as full professors, and one (5.0%) as a professor of practice.

<u>Quantitative Results from the Evaluation Form</u>

I have met someone today who I feel I will be able to collaborate with in the future on teaching or research.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Strongly Disagree	1	5.0	5.0
Disagree	3	15.0	20.0
2.50	1	5.0	25.0
Agree	5	25.0	50.0
Strongly Agree	8	40.0	90.0
N/A	2	10.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

I feel I have acquired new skills, information or understanding about how to effectively network with other professionals to promote my career.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Disagree	1	5.0	5.0
Agree	10	50.0	55.0
Strongly Agree	8	40.0	95.0
N/A	1	5.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

I have met someone today who I feel I would like to get to know better.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Agree	8	40.0	40.0
Strongly Agree	12	60.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

I will be able to implement new networking strategies as a result of my participation in this event.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Disagree	2	10.0	10.0
Agree	9	45.0	55.0
Strongly Agree	8	40.0	95.0
N/A	1	5.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

This event was a positive networking experience with other faculty here at NDSU.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Agree	7	35.0	35.0
Strongly Agree	13	65.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

I would be interested in doing a speed networking/mentoring session again.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Disagree	2	10.0	10.0
Agree	6	30.0	40.0
Strongly Agree	12	60.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

How would you rate the overall quality of this workshop?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Average	3	15.0	15.0
About Average	9	45.0	60.0
Excellent	8	40.0	100.0
Total	20	100.0	

Qualitative Results from the Evaluation Form

1. What questions do you still have about networking after attending this session? Please list any areas that you would like to receive additional information about or that need further clarification.
   - More mentors will be helpful.
   - Teaching techniques, funding application.
   - Balancing teaching/research/service and family life.

2. What do you think were the most helpful or valuable aspects of the speed networking session you attended today?
   - Mentors.
   - Knowing more people.
   - Just talking to new people.
   - Having to explain my research quickly to someone outside my field.
   - Getting to know other faculty, especially new faculty.
   - Meeting many people.
   - Meet many amazing people.
   - Meeting several colleagues and talking about teaching and research.
   - Help to talk to people otherwise you wouldn't.
   - Reconnecting with people I met at new faculty development.
   - Topics to discuss!
   - Meeting folks and showing them someone cares.

3. How could this networking session be improved to be more beneficial to you?
   - More discipline related contacts – more meetings.
   - Nametags should say name/college/years at NDSU.
   - Dessert at end for mingling time.
   - Don't change anything – but get rid of the whistle.
   - Too loud – hard to hear. Might be obvious to some, but when you sign up include a reminder to bring business cards.
   - Bigger room so it's less loud. Maybe a bit longer time (5 minutes?).
   - Managing volume levels to facilitate discussions. Organize based on shared interests and overlapping fields – say – when registering these are my interests and this is what I am looking for.
   - Don't believe having assigned topic was the most effective way to network. There are lots of natural topics to cover in initial 5 minutes ☺.