

Faculty mentoring expert to present at NDSU

Mary Deane Sorcinelli, associate provost for faculty development; professor of educational policy, research and administration; and director of the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mass., is scheduled to visit NDSU Thursday, Nov. 8, to discuss mentoring with faculty and academic administrators. Her visit is hosted by NDSU FORWARD.

Sorcinelli will lead a session for administrators titled “Rethinking Mentoring: The Role of Administrators” from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room. The session is designed for deans, associate deans, assistant deans and academic vice presidents. Participants will identify priority mentoring needs of faculty; look at benefits and drawbacks of formal mentoring programs; and explore how to encourage effective mentoring in the department, college and institution.

A faculty luncheon titled “Mutual Mentoring: Moving Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Mentoring” is set for noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. Sorcinelli will discuss the identification of academic career roadblocks, models of mentoring, mentoring networks and best practices in mentoring.

“Helping Faculty Build Effective Mentoring Networks: The Role of Chairs,” a workshop for department chairs and heads, is scheduled for 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room. The session will identify potential roadblocks to success in an academic career; explore traditional and emerging models of mentoring; look at benefits and drawbacks of formal mentoring programs; and discuss best practices in mentoring for departments.

Registration for each of these events is requested and can be completed at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

Sorcinelli is a well-known researcher with more than 100 articles and book chapters. She also co-wrote a number of books, such as “Mutual Mentoring Guide, Creating the Future of Faculty Development” and “Heeding New Voices: Academic Careers for a New Generation.” In addition, Sorcinelli is co-principal investigator of a \$400,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support a campuswide Mutual Mentoring Initiative. Under her leadership, the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development was cited as a Model Faculty Development Program in the United States and Canada in 2006, and was awarded two Innovation Awards from the POD Network.