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This is wonderful, Jeremy! Thanks for setting this up!!

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Hello all,

I hope this email finds you well! I know that Dr. Keesey has already talked to you a bit about our plan for the new instructor onboarding. My apologies for not emailing you until now; this has been a tremendously busy week, but I am so excited for the upcoming semester.

I want to give a quick explanation of what this instructor onboarding is. Basically, we realized earlier this summer that with us bringing in five brand new hires (and having several relatively new faculty as well) that this could be a great opportunity to create a sort of Community of Practice within STE to really emphasize, support, and continue our model of being a student-centered department.

I have been working at WKU for fourteen years, I adjuncted here the year before that, and I came here as a student in 1996. I truly love every single brick of this place, and part of what makes me love this place is the community that I have found and built here. I was very lucky in my first full-time year here (2010) to have a small set of colleagues that I worked very closely with. Dr. Super (CC'd on this email) is one of them, and as the years have passed, I have added others to my own WKU community. The purpose of this process is to help you out in a variety of ways and find your own community here within our department.

We realize you have a wealth of teaching experience among you, so I do want you to know this is not a "park and bark PD experience for new faculty." What I am ultimately envisioning is that we will meet regularly, we'll have guest speakers curated by Dr. Keesey and/or Dr. Tassell on topics of interest, and that you yourself might end up being tagged as one of these guest speakers to share your expertise with us throughout this academic year.

Our first planned meeting is next Friday, August 25th, from 10:30 to roughly 12:30. For this first one, no guest speakers are coming; it is just a chance for us to talk about your first week at WKU, gather, community build, and then go have lunch together. And just so it is said very explicitly – the Center for Literacy is paying for the meal. This Friday, we’re going to El Mazatlan.

After this first one, we’ll meet the first Friday of every month, which means our very next session is Friday, September 1st, from 10:30 to 12:30ish again. For this one, our guest speaker will be Dr. Kandy Smith, who is going to share with us from a research perspective the importance and role of storytelling in the classroom. It will be a great experience. We’ll start off here in the Student Success Center, and then we’ll break for lunch. I am not sure where we’ll go on September 1st, but we’ll decide that together on August 25th.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the course of the year!

Thanks,
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