Hello Team Adjunct & Colleague Connections!

From the group and individual responses I received, there is a strong preference for meeting on Tues, May 2nd 2:30-4pm so I've booked room 8116.

At this meeting we'll focus on sketching out the outline for a proposed English Orientation. Once we do this, we can give Mary a clearer idea of how many people and hours we’re hoping to request summer funding for to complete the work.  We can then gather those interested from this group and the department to create the orientation.

 As I've been thinking more about this after our meeting, I think we could make this orientation consistent and easily accessible in two ways:

**First, we could create an English orientation video providing the overviews we discussed:**

--Who are we as a school?  Initiatives? Campus climate? Support for innovation?
--Who are our students?  How are they different from other schools?  Types of pressures/time
 restraints they are under? Demographics?  How to effectively direct them to support services?
 Texts that would appeal to our student population?
--Who are we as a Department? Learning communities? Committees? Programs? Acceleration?
--What philosophies do we have as a Department? Being student-centered? Active learning?
 Ideas behind the Rhetoric? Emphasis on text-based writing? Teaching composition?
 Effectively using scaffolding? Teaching timed writing? Best practices in the English
 classroom?

**Second, we could provide the teaching content in the English Department Canvas space we discussed**. I already contacted Ricardo and he created an English Department canvas space for us. In this English Department-dedicated space we can have:

--Question/answer boards for new faculty
--Space to post/share/access assignments and writing prompts
--A place to post sample student papers (A-paper, B-paper, etc)
--A place to post sample syllabi and lesson plans
--Space to share teaching articles
--A list of all the English faculty with pictures and brief overviews of their specialties and
 interests so new faculty know who to contact with particular questions.

Anyway, all food for thought! See you guys on May 2nd!

Rachel