Evolution of teaching and learning centers within AMICAL Institutions

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History of RITK/ A.U.K

- Founded in 2002, RIT Kosovo™ (previously named and also known as ‘The American University in Kosovo’ or A.U.K) is a not-for-profit, higher education institution chartered in Kosovo and offering degrees from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT, founded 1829) in Rochester, NY, USA.

- http://kosovo.rit.edu/
RITK- Faculty Development Center

- Established in October 2015, with the financial support of the US Embassy in Prishtina through the University Support Program
  - Professional support to finalize a plan for launching the Faculty Development Center and developing its initial programs by Dr. Amy Strage, Director of the Faculty Development Center of San Jose State University, California
  - 4 days of training sessions with faculty and meetings with the university administrators and faculty
- [https://kosovo.rit.edu/home-fdc.html](https://kosovo.rit.edu/home-fdc.html)
The mission of the RITK Faculty Development Center was compiled by all faculty:

The mission of the Faculty Development Center of RIT Kosovo™ (A.U.K) is to build an inclusive and sustainable teaching and learning environment by addressing faculty needs and interests in the areas of teaching effectiveness and professional development.

Our goal is to provide members of the broader campus community with resources to assist them in their work. Additionally, throughout the academic year, we look forward to hosting opportunities for faculty to engage in conversation about topics of professional relevance.
Initial activities of the FDC

- Lunch-time “collegial conversations”
- Friday “professional development morning sessions”
- Faculty “on-boarding”
- Faculty recognition and awards
- Profiles of Faculty scholarship
Advantages

- Close cooperation of faculty
- Support of the Academic Senate
- Support of the University administration
- Support of the RIT Faculty Career Development Center
- Support of the RIT Innovative Learning Institute
- Continued professional mentoring and advising by Dr. Amy Strage
- Attending AMICAL conferences (share experiences; get new ideas)
Constraints

- Lack of financial support/committed budget for developing more and new activities for the Center
- Lack of time/staff to develop new activities for the Center
Ideas for collaboration of the FDC with sister-units at other AMICAL Institutions

- Apply with joint projects for AMICAL small grants
- Cooperate through webinars
- Share best practices and lessons learned
- Attend Lilly Teaching and Learning conferences as “teams”
Thank you!