



Evolution of teaching and learning centers within AMICAL Institutions

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RIT Kosovo/ A.U.K

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER


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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/>
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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>
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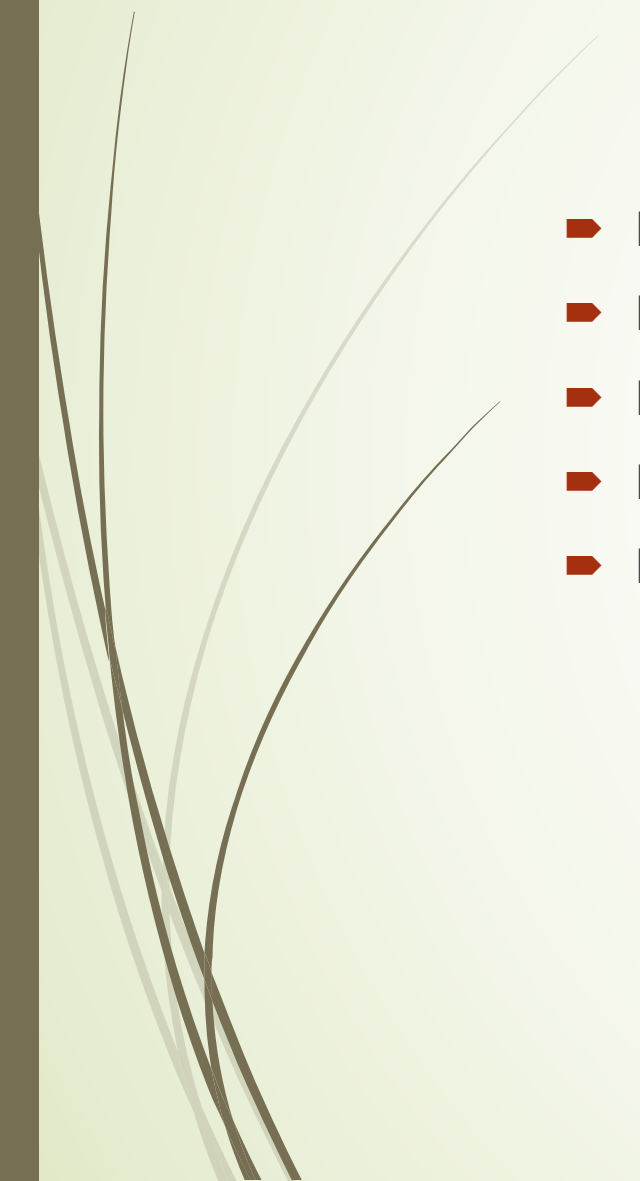


Mission of the Faculty Development Center

- 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
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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”
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