

As Director for the Center for Teaching and Excellence (CTE) at Prairie View A&M University since 2004, Dr. Laurette Foster works closely with the Academic Affairs Office as well as Faculty and Academic Administrators to assess the organizational program needs in teaching.

Dr. Foster leads the Center for Teaching Excellence which provides leadership for multiple activities for faculty and professional staff. Among those activities are New Faculty Orientation, Deans and Department Heads leadership training and “Faculty Friday”. Additionally Title III provides support to an activity in the Center known as the – “PV Faculty Advancement and Curriculum Enhancement (FACE) Academy”. This Academy in union with the Office of Research conducts an annual five-day Grant Writing Institute for faculty and professional staff. The goal of the institute is to provide a dedicated time for the participants to develop their grant writing skills and increase the number of grants submitted for funding.

She is currently a senior Professor in the Mathematics Department at Prairie View A&M University. She has been a leader and mentor in curriculum design for College Algebra and the gateway mathematics courses as part of a program initiated by faculty members in the mathematics department at the United States Military Academy at West Point and supported by NSF and ARO.

Dr. Foster has served as part of the leadership team to train faculty across the US on alternate delivery styles to assist in increasing the success of the students in these courses. In addition, she has served as a member of the Mathematics Association of America subcommittee on Curriculum Redesign of the First Two Years (CRAFTY). As a service to her discipline, she had the pleasure of serving a five-year appointment with the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ developing questions for the SAT Mathematics Subject Test.

Dr. Foster received her B.S degree in Mathematics from Virginia State College and her Master’s Degree in Mathematics Education from the same institution. After she finished her Master’s Degree, she pursued her EdD in Mathematics Education (Curriculum & Instruction), from The University of Houston.

Dr. Foster also recently completed serving as the director of the Prairie View A&M five-year Quality Enhancement Plan which is a requirement for the reaffirmation process directed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Foster has served as a reviewer and chair for projects submitted to the National Science Foundation. She has served as an external evaluator for departments of mathematics, Quality Enhancement Plans, and other grants. In 2010 and 2011, she earned the Texas A&M Chancellors Faculty Award.

She currently serves as Executive Director of the National HBCU Faculty Development Network.

She is active in the community serving as a member of the Houston Ensemble Theater Guild, Board member of the Pink Ribbons Project – In Motion against Breast Cancer and the Enrichment and Brotherhood of Northwest Youth (EBONY) organization.

She has served as a Resource Faculty for the National Summer Institute on Learning Communities for several years.

Research Focus:

- Curriculum or Program (Re) Design
- Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning
- Reflective ePortfolios

Areas of Expertise:

- Program Design and (Re)Design
- Organizational Leadership and Mentorship
- Organizational Influence and Change
- Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning
- Critical Thinking and Reflection