

New Faculty Concerns Committee--Report--submitted by Tim Rupert

The committee sponsored a breakfast for new faculty and doctoral students at the Mid-year meeting. In addition to meeting with members of the committee, the attendees were also welcomed to the meeting and encouraged to get involved in the ATA by both Shirley Dennis-Escoffier and Anne Christensen. For the first time, the breakfast also included a speaker. Bob Halperin provided his insights on career development during the start of a career. This feature of the breakfast appeared to be well-received by the attendees and next year's committee might consider building on this aspect of the breakfast.

The committee also continued to encourage new faculty to sign up for the teaching mentor program. One additional new faculty member signed up for a teaching mentor. In addition, one new faculty member requested research mentoring.

Finally, the committee worked to publicize and encourage submissions for the new faculty and doctoral research session for the upcoming 2002 mid-year meeting.