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Dr. Thomas J. Tobin
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Dear Dr. Tobin:

Many thanks for sharing your expertise with Eastern Illinois University faculty and staff in your two presentations “The 64 Best Practices of Desire2Learn” and “Creating a Culture of Academic Integrity” on January 28-29, 2014.

Your lively, immensely practical and theoretically astute presentations were exactly what we had hoped for, especially in the light of our recent migration to Desire2Learn. I also want to thank you for your thorough preparation and the quality of the materials that you provided attendees. Your experience and perspective as a faculty member made your presentation invaluable.

Your audience of 33 at the Faculty Development workshop consistently ranked you highly on our evaluations. Many of the evaluations that we have received remarked on your professionalism and meticulous method of delivery. Please know that as soon as those are compiled, we will send those to you.

You may be pleased to know that your presentations had an afterlife. Charles Wharram, the director of our Humanities Center attended your “Culture of Integrity” presentation and was motivated to follow up on it with a discussion amongst faculty concerning ways we can instill a stronger investment in the academic ethos that takes us (and them) “beyond the panopticon,” as you will see from the poster. We had a rich discussion and it is an ongoing one. Thank you for providing that initial spark and a basis for that conversation.

We in Faculty Development look forward to keeping in touch with you as we strive to create a dynamic learning environment for our students.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dagni Bredesen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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