Conducting Research at Teaching-Focused Institutions: Perspectives from Different Career Stages

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New Faculty Perspective

• Get a head-start on research before you start your position
• Student involvement vs. end products
• Do what makes you happy
• Be a research salesperson for students
Recently-Tenured Faculty Perspective

- Learn the rules of getting tenure at your new school
- Utilize existing teaching structures to do research
- Research = teaching writing
- Dealing with graduating seniors
- The optimal number of research students
- Collaborate with colleagues outside of your school
Department Chair Perspective

• Know what constitutes “research” at your school
• Always treat research as a form of teaching
• Keep your department chair informed about your research progress

• Grants ≠ Research Success
• CV organization
Definition of *synergy*

1. SYNERGISM
   *broadly*: combined action or operation

2. a mutually advantageous conjunction or compatibility of distinct business participants or elements (such as resources or efforts)
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A Closing Perspective?

◊ (Research → Intellectually Broadening)
◊ (Research → Educational for Students)
◊ (Research → Periodically Sustainable)
Thank you!

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