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The Future is Now: Challenges and Opportunities

The Fourteenth Annual POD Conference will be held at Jekyll Island, on the beautiful and historic coast of Georgia. The theme this year, The Future is Now: Challenges and Opportunities, reflects our concern with important trends in the internal and external environment of higher education. These trends present both challenges and opportunities to development professionals, and the ways we choose to respond will affect the health of higher education for years to come.

For example, the aging and imminent retirement of many faculty members hired in the "boom" period of the 1960's presents a variety of challenges (e.g. How will we replace them? - Prepare them for retirement? - Train the new cohort?) as well as several opportunities (We can exploit the talents of retired faculty to serve new functions in higher education; train new faculty before they become set in their ways; redesign courses and curricula that were developed in the 60's).

Similarly, challenges and opportunities are associated with the changing institutional climate (less money, more bureaucracy, more accountability) and with the impact of new technology on higher education (microcomputers and telecommunications). The ways we choose to deal with these challenges will determine both the nature of our profession and the shape of higher education in the future. We will organize kickoff panel discussions around each of the four areas mentioned above—Faculty and the Future, Minorities and Women, The Changing Institutional Climate, and Advances in Technology—and individual presentations will be subsumed under these general categories.