Being Agile: Effective Goal-Setting and Project Management for Busy Faculty

Wednesday, October 3rd
1:00 – 4:00 pm
School of Nursing
Room 203

Dr. Rebecca Pope-Ruark, author of Agile Faculty: Practical Strategies for Managing Research, Teaching, and Service will be holding a workshop in the School of Nursing. Dr. Pope-Ruark helps faculty become more time efficient by teaching them to apply software design principles to time efficiency and productivity in higher education. Below is a description of her approach which is abstracted from a description of her book:

Agile work strategies are a staple of the software development world, developed out of the need to be flexible and responsive to fast-paced change at times when “business as usual” could not work. These techniques call for breaking projects into phases and short-term goals, managing assignments collectively, and tracking progress openly. Agile Faculty is a comprehensive roadmap for scholars who want to incorporate Agile practices into all aspects of their academic careers, be it research, service, or teaching. In an interactive workshop, Dr. Pope-Ruark will cover the basic principles of Scrum, one of the most widely used models, and will show us how to apply that framework to individual research and scholarship as well as other aspects of the faculty role. Agile faculty principles have the potential to help us manage our time and projects but also foster productivity, balance, and personal and professional growth.