Course Innovation Project: Sustainability

Spring 2010 Request for Proposals
Submission deadline:
Friday, December 18, 2009

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning is calling for the submission of proposals by UCF full-time faculty members who wish to modify a course with UCF’s Unifying Theme of sustainability, the environment, and global climate change.

Faculty will participate in three workshops (6 contact hours) and receive support from staff in units appropriate for their project as they develop new approaches and materials for their classes. The workshops will include a series of hands-on experiences designed to explore teaching techniques and learning activities that have proven to be effective. Faculty participants will receive a $300 grant by completing the following:

1. attend all three workshops
2. produce at least one complete learning module which will include
   a. student learning outcomes,
   b. description of teaching strategies,
   c. student assessments, and
   d. relevant resources
3. implement the module during the spring semester,
4. collect assessment on student learning during that module, and
5. share the results at the third meeting.

You may choose either a Wednesday morning or a Thursday afternoon schedule. See www.fctl.ucf.edu for the meeting dates and application.

Spring Workshop Series on Lecture Captures and Screencasts

UCF faculty are invited to submit a self-nomination for the 2010 Lecture Capture workshop series. During this workshop we will address several new technologies for capturing lectures “in a can” and explore different solutions for making them available to UCF students. Up to twenty faculty may participate. This workshop series meets twice in Spring 2010:

Session I (choose either Wed Jan 27, or Thurs Jan 28): 3pm-5pm, and
Session II (choose either Wed Feb 17, or Thurs Feb 18): 3pm-5pm

Participants will be expected to attend Session I and Session II. Faculty who participate in both sessions will be given a personal microphone-headset to keep, which will also be useful in completing the assignments.

See www.fctl.ucf.edu for the application to participate.

Theater Excursions

Meet at the Faculty Center at 6:30 PM before every show to chat on the show’s background and then walk with us to the theater for the 8:00 PM show. You can purchase your tickets by calling 407-823-1500 or enter to win a free ticket (email fctl@mail.ucf.edu at least two weeks in advance to qualify for the drawing).

- The Learned Ladies, Nov. 20th
- From Sun to Sun, Jan. 22nd
- Antigone, Feb. 19th
- Rent, Apr. 2nd
Adjunct Faculty Retreat

The next Adjunct Faculty Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 9th. The event runs from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is held in the Classroom 1 Building, Room 218. We cover nuts-and-bolts (rosters, legal matters, syllabi) and more general pedagogy (how to hold effective and interesting lectures, increase student engagement, and build courses that are balanced and aligned among goals, objectives, assignments, and teaching practice).

Adjuncts from all colleges are welcome.

GTA Certificate Program - Spring 2010

Please encourage your Graduate Teaching Assistants to enroll in our non-credit Certificate course, particularly if they are instructors of record. This certificate meets the requirements set out by Graduate Studies for GTA Training.

The course lasts from January 25 to April 19, and will be offered on Monday afternoons from 1:30-4:20. Participation is limited, so please enroll early. Online registration is required and can be found at: <http://www.fctl.ucf.edu>

Self Nominations for “Teaching with Technology” Grant

UCF faculty are invited to submit a self-nomination for the 2010 Teaching with Technology grant. This grant is made to the individual who is considered by the selection committee to have contributed in the most highly creative ways to teaching, learning, and technology.

The faculty member selected for the university’s grant will be UCF’s nominee for the Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology Award at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, FL. The grant covers the conference registration and travel. The awardee will present a session focused on their creative contributions to teaching with technology.

The application consists of the following:

- Summary of Your Contributions to Teaching, Learning, and Technology
- Direct Effects on Learning
- Direct Effects on Motivation
- Direct Effects on Creativity
- Spread of Effect

See www.fctl.ucf.edu for the application.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us for a Thanksgiving potluck lunch in the Faculty Center on Wednesday, November 25th from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share and a hearty appetite.

International Heritage Day

November 18th
3:00-5:00 pm
Classroom Building 1 Rm 207

In celebration of UCF’s International Education Week, the Faculty Center and SDES will host an international potluck (for faculty & staff) to sample foods from various cultures.

Faculty & Staff are encouraged to wear international dress and bring an ethnic dish/dessert to share. They are also invited to present or describe interesting features of their cultural/national heritage. The presenters will have about 10 minutes for their “show & tell.”

Celebrated worldwide, International Education Week is an annual joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

Please R.S.V.P. the Faculty Center at fctl@mail.ucf.edu

If you would like to present, please contact Eric Main: emain@mail.ucf.edu
November Workshops

These workshops are held in Classroom Building 1. No advance reservation is required.

Community-Based Research
This workshop discusses the development of Community-based research (CBR) and key elements for success at a research university setting. CBR is defined as a type of research conducted with and for, not on, members of a community.

November 10, 10:30-12:00, CL1-207

DRC Rubric Practice
All Divisional Review Committee members are encouraged to attend one of the workshops. All are 3:00 to 5:00 in CL1-207 on November 6th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Global Connections in the Classroom
We will present curricular ideas for adding a global perspective to your courses and emerging technologies for facilitating international connections.

November 2, 3:00-4:30, CL1-207
November 16, 3:00-4:30, CL1-207

How Can I Recognize a Suicidal Student?
First Friday Teaching Circle: We will focus on how to recognize students with high emotional stress and develop strategies for helping them.

November 6, 11:00-12:30, CL1-207

Lectures in a Can: Capturing Narrated PowerPoints
There are multiple viable options for capturing your PowerPoint lecture as a video, with you narrating each slide in real time. These videos can then be hosted online to share with your students.

November 13, 10:30-11:30, CL1-207
November 24, 1:30-2:30, CL1-207

New Tools in Knight’s E-mail for Groupwork, Projects, and Collaboration
Students are required to use Knight’s E-mail starting in Fall 2009, and this new email system comes bundled with numerous collaboration, networking, and sharing tools that can greatly enhance learning conditions for students. Faculty members are invited to learn how to leverage these new tools in their own class assignments and projects.

November 3, 10:30-11:30, CL1-207

Reduce Stress by “Resetting” Your Breathing
Breathing profoundly affects our nervous/emotional, cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, and muscular systems. We have a chance every day to reset our subconscious breathing. We invite you to come and rediscover your own unique breath and enhance your health, concentration, efficiency, and ability to deal with today’s stressful situations. You may wish to bring a mat or other item to lie down on and a small, thick pillow and/or a blanket. Due to the nature of this session and somewhat limited space, we kindly urge you to RSVP.

November 9, 3:30-4:30, CL1-207
November 10, 4:00-5:00, CL1-207

Teaching in Second Life
Interested in jumping into Second Life, but not sure where to begin? We’ll not only show you what SL is and how to start, we’ll also steer the conversation to some ready-to-go applications and strategies to augment your classes with a virtual world presence.

November 23, 12:30-1:30, CL1-207

Teaching Circles
Classroom Management
November 5 and 12, 12:00-1:00

Honors
November 17 and 18, 12:30-2:00

Large Class
November 4 and 18, 3:00-4:00
November 5 and 19, 12:00-1:00

Sustainability Across the Curriculum
November 18, 12:30-1:30

Writing for Professional Publication
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:00-3:00
Here’s what’s happening this month at the Faculty Center.

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