Course Innovation Project: Sustainability

Spring 2010 Request for Proposals
Submission deadline: Friday, January 15, 2010

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): 3 p.m.–5 p.m., and

Session II (choose either Wed Feb 17, or Thurs Feb 18): 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

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 p.m. before every show to chat on the show’s background and then walk with us to the theater for the 8 p.m. 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).

- From Sun to Sun, Jan. 22
- Antigone, Feb. 19
- Rent, Apr. 2
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.

Nominations are due by 1/15/10.

Summer Conference Proposals

The UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference is scheduled for May 4-7, 2010. The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Information Fluency Initiative, Office of Experiential Learning (Internships and Service-Learning), Office of Diversity Initiatives, and Office of International Studies will provide $800/person grants for faculty members who are transforming courses or programs by emphasizing assessment of learning outcomes, diversity, the UCF unifying theme, information fluency, interdisciplinarity, internships, internationalizing the curriculum, the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL), service-learning, teaching large classes, undergraduate research or track-specific research, or other appropriate issues.

Project proposals should be sent directly to your area of interest.

Criteria and submission procedures can be found on these specific Web sites:

- Diversity Initiatives <www.diversity.ucf.edu>
- Faculty Center <www.fctl.ucf.edu>
- Information Fluency <www.if.ucf.edu>
- International Studies <www.international.ucf.edu>
- Internships and Service Learning <www.fctl.ucf.edu>

Adjunct Faculty Retreat

The next Adjunct Faculty Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 9. The event runs from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. 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 Mondays from 1:30 p.m.–4:20 p.m. Participation is limited, so please enroll early. Online registration is required and can be found at: <http://www.fctl.ucf.edu>
January Workshops

Teaching as a Non-Native Speaker
Educators who speak English as a second language face unique linguistic and cultural challenges. We will discuss strategies to ease the transition to working in a non-native language.

January 13, 3:30–4:30, CL1-207

Theater Night - From Sun to Sun
Faculty theater excursion to From Sun to Sun - UCF Theatre. Meet at the Faculty Center (CL1, 207) at 6:30 p.m. for a chat on the show’s background (bring a snack to share; beverages provided) and then walk with us to the theater for the 8 p.m. show. Purchase your tickets directly by calling 823-1500. (Enter to win two free tickets by submitting your name to fctl@mail.ucf.edu by January 8 at 5 p.m.)

January 22, 6:30–9:00, CL1-207

Building a Grade Book Using MS Excel
Together we will walk through a grade book template and customize it to your syllabus. Please bring your syllabus with a breakdown of your scoring policy.

January 19, 10:30–11:30, 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.

January 29, 1:30–2:30, CL1-207

Strategies to Promote Critical Thinking
This session will demonstrate a rhetorical approach to critical thinking developed by Stephen Toulmin and widely used to improve students’ analytical and evaluative thinking. We will examine activities for the classroom and homework including short assignments, essays, discussions, and Socratic questioning. Participants will develop activities for their own classes. Handouts will be provided.

January 13, 10:00–11:00, CL1-207
January 29, 10:00–11:00, CL1-207

Teaching Circles

Classroom Management
January 27, 12:30–1:30

Honors
January 19 and 20, 12:30–2:00

Internationalizing the Curriculum
January 19, 1:00–3:00

Large Class
January 20, 11:30–12:30
January 21, 4:30–5:30

Sustainability across the Curriculum
January 13, 12:30–1:30
January 27, 12:30–1:30

Writing for Professional Publication
January 11, 2:00–3:00
January 25, 2:00–3:00

SoTL Showcase
Create a (Free) Poster

All UCF Faculty who are working on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning projects are invited to present a poster at the 2010 SoTL Showcase on April 7.

We invite UCF faculty to create posters about their SoTL projects that have been completed, are underway, or are merely planned. Posters that address creative teaching techniques are also welcome. Posters are paid for by the Faculty Center and are due electronically by March 19 to kevinyee@mail.ucf.edu.

Downloadable poster template:
<http://www.fctl.ucf.edu/ResearchAndScholarship/SoTL/events/facultyshowcase>
Here's what's happening this month at the Faculty Center.

Make plans to join us!

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