

A Year of Joint Programs

The LTEC will have reduced hours this year (due to budget constraints), but we will still try to entice you to join us for a few events. Thus there will be several events offered jointly with other groups, such as the Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR).

One of the joint programs being created expands on the Diversity Workshop offered last spring through the LTEC. There will be a series of workshops over the next 3 or 4 semesters, each focused on a related group of disciplines. The dates will be announced as soon as they are scheduled so be sure to check the LTEC web site periodically.

<http://www.potsdam.edu/faculty/teachingresources/ltec/index.cfm>

CUR is partnering with the LTEC to create a new series related to Undergraduate Research. The first is "What is Undergraduate Research at SUNY Potsdam? (Are You Already Doing It? How Do You Know?)" Friday October 22, 2010 at 2pm.

The Guest Speaker Workshop Series "Promoting Undergraduate Research: Pedagogy and Praxis," associated with the Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant Award will also be held in the LTEC. Each workshop will feature a nationally known speaker who will present a 2 hour workshop and be available for individual meetings. On September 17, 2010 at 2:00pm, Debra Zellner of Montclair State University will present "Initial approaches to Engaging Undergraduates in Research".

As has been the case for several years the lead off event is the Learning Communities Luncheon, Tuesday September 7, 2010 at 12:00pm, contact Oscar Sarmiento for more information.

See you at the LTEC,

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LTEC Hours

The LTEC will only be staffed on Fridays during the fall semester. Join us for events, or stop in between 11am and 4pm! There will be occasional events on other days, at the convenience of the presenter, so be sure to watch the LTEC Calendar!

LTEC Student Assistant

The wonderful LTEC assistant Noele Brabon graduated in the spring and will be missed. The student assistant that began last fall, Erin Farrell, will again be at the LTEC. Be sure to welcome her back when you see her.

Funding Opportunities from the LTEC

Unfortunately the budget will again prevent us from choosing and funding an LTEC Faculty Fellow, but hopefully this program will return as the economy continues to recover. There will be funds available for Facul-TE Awards, but the amount is not yet known, so dates for applications will be announced as soon as this is finalized.

Facul-TE Awards

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center has funds available to support small teaching excellence projects designed by faculty. The project should be conducive to the *improvement of teaching and active learning strategies* in the classroom and college environment. The maximum for this award is \$400.

Facul-TE Awards cannot be used to purchase computer equipment or software, and must conform to the purchasing policies of the college. The funds *can* be used for travel to workshops or conferences if they directly relate to the applicant's teaching. This must be clearly explained in the application.

For more details and to find the online coversheet required with the proposal go to the Facul-TE Funding page. Proposals must be submitted **both** electronically and in hard copy.

LTEC Advisory Board

There will be several changes to the LTEC Advisory Board this fall. I want to thank Louise Tyo and Bill Herman for their hard work for the LTEC. Louise is leaving the Board to focus on her many other tasks for the college, and Bill has decided not to return to the LTEC Board after his sabbatical leave.

There will be 4 new members joining the Board this fall David Kistler (Business Administration), Susan Stebbins (Anthroplogy and Global Studies), Robert Snyder (Biology), and Robin Collen (Theatre and Dance). Every member helps to keep all of campus represented, and brings in new ideas and a unique perspective, I look forward to working with them all this year.

Finally I want to thank Michael Schaff, not only for his work on the LTEC Board for many years, but also for directing the LTEC while I was gone. I appreciate his efforts to keep the LTEC strong.

Coming Events

There are still many events being scheduled so be sure to check the LTEC calendar, and watch your e-mail throughout the semester.

Learning Communities Luncheon

Tuesday September 7, 2010
12:00 – 2:00pm

LTEC Advisory Board Meeting

Friday September 10, 2010
2:15 – 3:30pm

Title III Guest Speaker Workshop Series

“Initial approaches to Engaging Undergraduates in Research”
Debra Zellner, Montclair State University
Friday September 17, 2010
2:00 – 4:00pm

Title III Research Proposal Writing Workshop

Consultants from the Grantsmanship Center of Los Angeles, California

Introductory Session
Monday, September 20, 2010
1:00 – 4:00pm

Individual Sessions
Tuesday September 21, 2010

What is Undergraduate Research at SUNY Potsdam? (Are You Already Doing It? How Do You Know?)

Friday October 22, 2010

2:00 – 4:00pm

An interactive discussion for faculty about the variety of ways Undergraduate Research may be defined and implemented across the disciplines. The first in a series of collaborative sessions co-sponsored by The Center for Undergraduate Research and the Learning and Teaching Excellence Center.

Watch for others that may relate to Library Services, Courage to Teach, MS Word or Excel, or other topics in a constantly evolving schedule.