

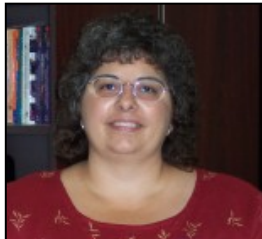
From the Director

Welcome to the Spring 2011 semester. My thanks to all of you that participated in LTEC events this fall, your presence helps the LTEC continue to offer interesting and worthwhile events. In messages and other information I see through POD (Professional and Organizational Development Network) even very large schools often see only 10 – 15 people at similar events. Here at SUNY Potsdam we averaged 11 this fall and had as many as 20 faculty and staff at one time. This makes me very proud of the commitment everyone shows to the school, teaching, and especially to our students.

The spring semester is going to be a busy one, there are currently 12 events being sponsored or co-sponsored by the LTEC and others are still in the planning stages. Look for details about them on the LTEC website and in my weekly e-mails.

As I always say, I hope to see you at the LTEC.

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LTEC Hours

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

LTEC Student Assistant

Erin Farrell, will again be my assistant at the LTEC. Her hard work was invaluable with reduced hours I could commit to the LTEC during the fall, and I look forward to working with her for years to come.

Diversity Workshops

Among the events this spring will be three diversity workshops, as part of a grant from SUNY to incorporate diversity into the curriculum. There are 6 groups planning workshops to occur this spring and next fall, each focusing on a group of related disciplines and a particular theme. *You are welcome to participate in a workshop even if the discipline is different from your own!*

Each event includes a large group workshop with a guest speaker, as well as time for individuals or groups to meet with the speaker about particular courses they teach. The currently scheduled (*tentative*) spring workshops are below. The workshops may not occur in the LTEC, so check back for more details.

February 12, 2011 – Mary Liniger, and colleagues, from VSA (the International Organization on Arts and Disabilities) will present a full day workshop focusing on Art, Music, Theater and Dance.

March 18-19, 2011 – Raymond Bucko, professor of Anthropology and Native American Studies at Creighton University in Omaha, will present a workshop focusing on Community Health, Sociology, Psychology, and Medical/Social Anthropology.

April 28 – 29, 2011 – Barry Hill, Senior Counsel for Environmental Governance, Office of International Affairs, U.S. EPA, will present a workshop focusing on Economics, Business Administration, Politics, and Environmental Studies.

Fall 2011 should have workshops focusing on other disciplines. If you have the name of a possible speaker about diversity issues related to your area please forward the suggestions to me (millercc) or to Susan Stebbins (stebbisa).

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.

Facul-TE Awards

The Learning and Teaching Excellence Center has limited 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.

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.

Since funds are limited, a maximum of \$400 can be awarded for a project. Applications will be accepted **beginning February 1, 2011**. Funds must be **used by May 15, 2011** to be considered, with priority to faculty that have not been awarded in the previous year.

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.

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.

January 28, 2011	FC 1pm, FS/SI 2pm	Gen Ed Designator Assessment
February 4, 2011	XC 9am, AH 10am	Gen Ed Designator Assessment
February 4, 2011	2 - 3pm	Fulbright Scholars
February 10, 2011	11am - 12pm	Community of Science Searching Workshop
February 11, 2011	2:15 - 3:30pm	LTEC Advisory Board Meeting
February 12, 2011	time TBA	Diversity Workshop with Mary Liniger (tentative)
February 18, 2011	3 - 4:30pm	Role of a Faculty Mentor in UR
February 24, 2011	2 - 4pm	Title III Workshop: Inquiry-Based Pedagogy for the 21st Century: Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities in All Disciplines
March 18-19, 2011	time TBA	Diversity Workshop with Raymond Bucko
April 5, 2011	1 - 5pm	Title III Grant Writing Workshop
April 8, 2011	2:15 - 3:30pm	LTEC Advisory Board Meeting
April 28-29, 2011	time TBA	Diversity Workshop with Barry Hill
May 3, 2011	2 - 4pm	Title III workshop: Undergraduate Research as a New Paradigm for the 4-Year College Experience
May 6, 2011	2:15 - 3:30pm	LTEC Advisory Board Meeting