Greetings! The Faculty Development NEWS is the official newsletter of the Center of Excellence for Faculty Development (CEFD). This first issue introduces the CEFD’s 2010-11 initiatives and exciting faculty development activities for the fall semester.

Take a close look at the:

- Instructional Technology and Audiovisual Workshops
- Webinar
- Faculty Forum
- And More!

Thank you to the faculty members who completed the Faculty Development Survey during the Fall Faculty and Staff Institute. Your feedback was used to create the Professional Development Workshop schedule included in this newsletter. Based on your responses, the three most requested instructional technology workshops were held in September!

Be sure to read more about the following initiatives:

- Faculty Development Advisory Council
- Conference Travel Grants
- Resource Grants
- Research Projects
- Faculty Resource Library

Also, do not miss the information on Additional Opportunities! Have a great semester!

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STEP II Highlights

The Summer Technology Enrichment Program II was held July 27-30, 2010. The 26 faculty participants were introduced to a series of “cutting-edge” instructional technology workshops designed to assist them with enhancing the level of student engagement and interaction in the classroom. By the end of the week, participants were able to incorporate a variety of new technologies into their fall semester classes. Look for details on STEP III during the school year.
The CEFD’s 2010-2011 INITIATIVES

Faculty Development Advisory Council

Nine faculty members were appointed to the Faculty Development Advisory Council to represent the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Social Work. The council is charged with ensuring that the unique needs of faculty in all schools are included in the CEFD activities. In addition, council members provide input during the bi-monthly meetings on various issues that will enhance the teaching and learning environment at CAU. The members are Drs. Rosalind Arthur, Betty Clements-Saunders, Marcia Daley, Joyce Dickerson, Susan Kossack, Noran Moffett, Michael Williams, Medha Talpade, and Donald Vest. (Some members are not pictured in the photo.)

Conference Travel Grants

STEP II participants and faculty who attend at least three workshops per semester are eligible to apply for grants of up to $350 to assist with registration fees or travel expenses to scholarly conferences. There are a limited amount of grants provided each semester. Interested faculty should contact the CEFD for details.

Research Projects

A variety of research projects are underway with the CEFD and selected faculty members to determine best teaching practices across all disciplines. Interested faculty should contact the CEFD for more information.

Instructional Technology

Several professional development workshops are offered to assist faculty with redesigning curricula to incorporate instructional technology and media. Workshops are held during the school year and summer. Classroom support is available upon request.

Resource Grants

STEP II participants and faculty who attend at least three workshops per semester are eligible to apply for grants of up to $350 for resources that will enhance teaching or research endeavors. Interested faculty should contact the CEFD for details.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The following workshops were requested most by faculty and held in September.

Wednesday and Thursday, September 15 & 16
Integrating WebCT into the Classroom
This workshop demonstrated various features of WebCT for creating a web-enhanced class. Upon completion of this workshop, participants were able to use the template to add course content, create assignments and assessments, utilize the communication tools, such as threaded discussions, announcements, and the synchronous chat tool.

Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 & 23
Podcasting and Vodcasting with Flip Video Cameras
This workshop provided training on podcasting and vodcasting using the flip video camera to increase engagement and to address the different learning styles of students. Upon completion of this workshop, participants were able to create audio and video recordings that were uploaded to WebCT or broadcasted online.

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 & 29
Creating Online Exams with Respondus
Step-by-step procedures for creating online assessments and surveys using the Respondus application were explored. Upon completion of this workshop, participants created assessments using Respondus and uploaded them to WebCT.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS
All faculty members and TAs are invited to participate!

WEBINAR

Thursday, October 14, 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Teaching & Learning Rhythms: Tools to Enhance Student Engagement
This webinar includes techniques for creating teaching conditions leading to outstanding instruction to unleash the full potential of all students. Participants will learn ways to create a sense of continuity for students with short attention spans, how to manage disengagement, and how to be more reflective of the teaching process.

Location: 339 McPheeters-Dennis Hall
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held twice a week for your convenience. Select ONE, content is repeated on the second day.

OCTOBER

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 & 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Creating Virtual Classrooms with Elluminate
Elluminate is a web-based application for creating virtual environments to replicate traditional classroom or meeting settings. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to create a virtual classroom with effective communication via audio, video, and text as well as collaboration by sharing of files and screens.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26 & 27, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Student Response System Assessments: Testing Point and Turning Point Anywhere
Participants will explore two methods for using the Student Response System to administer exams and quizzes: Testing Point and Turning Point Anywhere. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to use the Student Response System with multiple response cards and assessments created in MS Word, PDF, and other applications.

Location: 337 McPheeters-Dennis Hall

NOVEMBER

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2 & 3, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Student Response System Mobile Devices: Smartphones and Laptops
This workshop provides hands-on training for using the ResponseWare Web mobile Student Response System. Participants will receive hands-on training using personal mobile phones or laptop computers as a response card. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to establish an interactive polling session with mobile devices as response cards. Bring laptops and Smartphones if available.

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9 & 10, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WebCT Grade Book
This workshop demonstrates the use of the WebCT Grade Book. Upon completion, participants will be able to add assignments, assessments, and discussion board topics with grade weights to the WebCT Grade Book.

Location: 337 McPheeters-Dennis Hall
Bring personal cameras if available.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Developing On-Camera Presence for Video Instruction
This workshop prepares participants to project a professional image while on camera. Participants will be trained in effective communication skills, photographic composition, and on-camera talent development.

Tuesday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Perfecting Video Instructional Techniques
Participants will be exposed to technical production procedures and various techniques to produce quality video shots. Upon completion, participants will be able to generate quality still and video-graphic shots for production and draft a basic video program.

Tuesday, October 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Audiovisual Systems Operations
Participants will explore various techniques for integrating instructional media into their classroom. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to plan and execute quality media presentations.

Location: 339 McPheeters-Dennis Hall

Registration is required for workshops, Saturday appointments, and Faculty Forum. Email CEFD@CAU.EDU.

FACULTY FORUM

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 16, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
The CEFD is providing a venue for faculty members to voice concerns to the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs, Office of Information Technology and Communications, and Title III Administration. Dr. Silver, Dr. Phillips, Mr. Reggie Brinson, and Mr. Perry Herrington are expected to attend. Please email your concerns and questions to gmitchell@cau.edu by November 9th.

Location: 339 McPheeters-Dennis Hall
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium, October 21-23, 2010, New Orleans, LA. http://hbcufdn.org/

MEDIA EQUIPMENT RESERVATION

• LCD projectors and general media equipment items are available from the Instructional Media Services Department.
• Send your request via email to fedwards@cau.edu.
• Twenty-four (24) hour notice is required.

COMPUTER LAB RESERVATION

• Limited access to computer labs is available in the CEFD for occasional workshops or meetings.
• To reserve one of the computer labs, send your request via email to CEFD@cau.edu.
• Twenty-four (24) hour notice is required.

FACULTY RESOURCE LIBRARY

• The Faculty Resource Library has been arranged into a comfortable space for faculty to browse journals and other publications.
• Feel free to visit and recommend new publications.

WEBPAGE UPDATE

• The CEFD’s webpage will be updated soon!
• Go to www.cau.edu, click on Academics and click on the Center of Excellence for Faculty Development.
• Look for the new webpage in October!
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