The Center of Excellence for Faculty Development

“Combining innovative teaching and learning opportunities with instructional technology to enhance student engagement in the classroom”

Director’s Note

The Center of Excellence for Faculty Development (CEFD) offered several teaching and learning opportunities for faculty members this semester.

We launched the Teaching and Research Effectiveness Workshop Series. Also, two of the Faculty Learning Communities implemented events. Additionally, the Faculty Development Coaches assisted colleagues with incorporating technology into their classes. Read the exciting details inside this issue.

We are planning additional interesting activities for the Spring Semester 2012. Our goal is to always provide quality support to assist faculty with offering the highest educational experiences to students.

Have a joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gwendolyn Mitchell, Ph.D.
Summer Technology Enrichment Program III

The Summer Technology Enrichment Program (STEP) was held July 26-29, 2011. STEP is an intensive four-day instructional technology training program consisting of a series of dynamic workshops to assist faculty members with enhancing student engagement and interaction in the classroom. The workshops focus on student-centered instruction and the desired outcome is for faculty to design a web-enhanced course for the fall semester.

The participants are certified as Faculty Development Coaches on the last day of STEP. Faculty development coaches share ideas and strategies with colleagues and assist them in incorporating WebCT, Student Response System (clickers), podcasting, and other instructional technologies into their pedagogy. In addition, faculty development coaches are required to participate in various local, national, and international professional development opportunities throughout the academic year to continuously update technological skills and knowledge.

Sixteen faculty members were certified as Faculty Development Coaches during STEP III. The charter cohort is pictured below.

Faculty Development Coaches

Sitting: Dr. LaTangela Coleman-Crossfield, Prof. Brenda Wright, Dr. Rosalind Arthur, Dr. Josephine Bradley, Prof. Michelle Smith-Muhammad, Prof. Gensuyah Reuven, Prof. Kathy Oluwajuyemi

Standing: Prof. Alfred Worley, Dr. Valerie Odero-Marah, Prof. Dorothy Batey, Dr. Shirley White, Dr. Fragano Ledgister, Dr. Sandra Foster, Dr. Margaret Counts-Spring, Dr. Antoinette Hollis

Not pictured: Dr. Joyce Goosby
Teaching and Research Effectiveness Workshop Series

The Teaching and Research Effectiveness Workshop Series was launched on September 14, 2011. Most of the workshops in the series are conducted by faculty to share effective techniques for enhancing pedagogy and research scholarship.

The first two presenters were Drs. Margaret Counts-Spriggs and Roslyn Harper, Whitney M. Young, Jr. School of Social Work. They presented very interesting biographical research data on Frankie V. Adams and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Drs. Counts-Spriggs and Harper began their research last summer as participants in the Scholars-in-Residence program with the New York University Faculty Resource Network.

Other workshops in the fall semester series included the following:

- September 28: Second Life in the Classroom, presented by Dr. Sandra Flowers
- October 12: New Technology for Teaching and Learning, presented by Drs. Antoinette Hollis and Alma Vinyard
- November 2: Creating a Student Engagement Tool Kit for Classroom Success, presented by Dr. Gwendolyn Mitchell

Faculty Learning Communities

Several faculty learning communities were launched during Spring Semester 2011 as a mentoring tool to assist faculty members with enhancing their knowledge and skills in a variety of areas. The Interdisciplinary, Research Collaborations, Grantwriting, and Publications Faculty Learning Community (IRCGP FLC) implemented its first event on August 15, 2011 in conjunction with the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs. Dr. Howard Adams, H. G. Adams and Associates, Inc., conducted the Mentoring and Publications Workshop.

Members of the IRCGP FLC are:

- Drs. Marjorie Spencer Campbell and Margaret Counts-Spriggs (Co-chairs)
- Dr. Timothy Moore
- Dr. Joann Powell
- Ms. Latrice Richardson

The CEFD Provides…

- Workshops (WebCT template, creating online exams and virtual classrooms, integrating clickers, iPad 2 technology, and web tools in the classroom, and podcasting)
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Initiative
- Faculty Resource Network Opportunities
- Faculty Learning Communities
- Co-sponsorship of departmental events
- And More…
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