2011 Summer Institute

Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

Wahlstrom Library
University of Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT

May 24—25, 2011

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Tuesday, May 24

8:45 am – 9:00 am  
Coffee and Registration  
Location: Wahlstrom Library 5th Floor

9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Session 1: Room 500C  
Using BlackBoard to Add an Online Presence to Your Campus Course

Presenter: Kris Bickell, M.A., Director, Distance Learning, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, University of Bridgeport

Session Summary: Blackboard is UB's “online classroom” and can be used for all courses at the University, including on-campus courses. Whether you simply want to post course documents online, or conduct online discussions, assignments, or tests, Blackboard is an easy-to-use tool for adding an online presence to your courses. Students like the convenience of being able to access course materials and communicate with fellow students from outside of class. You will learn basic strategies for adding online components to your courses even if you are not a computer “techie”.

10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Morning Refreshment Break  
Location: Wahlstrom Library 6th Floor

Session 2: Room 500D  
Basic Issues that Affect Student Evaluations and Peer Review When Teaching

Presenter: Nelson Ngoh, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Science Education, Director of Graduate Studies in Science Education, School of Education, University of Bridgeport

Session Summary: Teaching effectiveness is one of the key points considered in the retention, promotion and tenure of colleagues. In a tenure track, effective teaching is often determined, to a certain extent, by student evaluation and by peer review. This workshop is intended to describe some of these pedagogical challenges in our classes, share with other colleagues how they handle such issues, and discuss as colleagues the way forward so that we can maximize our students’ learning.
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10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Welcome to the CELT Summer Institute
Location: Wahlstrom Library 6th Floor

President Neil Salonen, University of Bridgeport
Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, University of Bridgeport

Keynote Address:
Assessment and the Learning Process

Presenter: Katie Moirs, Ph.D., Education Preparation Program Approval Coordinator, Connecticut State Department of Education

Katie Moirs holds a doctorate from the University of Iowa. Her areas of expertise include cognition and learning, assessment/measurement, and program evaluation. She has much experience in working with faculty in higher education throughout Connecticut in the areas of assessment and student learning.

Session Summary: This presentation will provide educators with a framework for establishing student learning targets and matching assessment methods with learning targets. Reliability and validity issues for each assessment method will be discussed, including the inherent measurement tradeoffs involved in what is typically thought of as being “traditional” assessment methods (e.g., selected response tests) versus performance-based assessment.

There will be a follow-up discussion session on this topic after lunch in the CELT Faculty Development classroom, Wahlstrom Library 5th Floor.

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm
Lunch and Discussion with Colleagues
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1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
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Session 3:
CELT Faculty Professional Development Room
Discussion with Katie Moirs

Session 4:
Room 500C
BlackBoard Peer-to-Peer Sharing

Peer Faculty:
Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt, Ph.D., Professor of Education in Reading and Language Arts, Director of the Graduate Programs in Literacy and English Education, School of Education, and Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, University of Bridgeport

Gerald Murphy, M.B.A., C.P.A., Retention Specialist, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, University of Bridgeport

Marie Paulis, R.D.H., B.S.D.H., Fones School of Dental Hygiene, University of Bridgeport

Presentation Summary: Faculty and past cohort members will showcase their BlackBoard materials created for the courses that they teach. You will be able to view their BlackBoard sites and ask them questions about using different features of BlackBoard for using it for course materials and communicating with students.

Session 5:
Rooms 500D
BlackBoard Ask-an-Expert

UB Technology Experts:
Jerald Cole, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Master of Science Program in Instructional Technology, University of Bridgeport

Kris Bickell, M.A., Director, Distance Learning, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, University of Bridgeport

Lynn Dorsey, Coordinator, Media Services and Special Events & Audiovisual

Presentation Summary: UB faculty and staff will be available to answer any questions that you may have about using technology in the classroom.
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Session 1: Room 500D
Alternative Teaching Technologies

Presenter: Jerald Cole, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of the Master of Science Program in Instructional Technology, University of Bridgeport

Session Summary: During this session participants will explore alternative technologies available for faculty to utilize in their teaching.

Session 2: Room 500C
Providing Faculty Feedback on Student Search Behavior Outcomes Using the Eureka! Digital Library

Presenter: Diane Mirvis, M.S., Associate Vice President Information Technology and CIO, University Librarian, University of Bridgeport

Session Summary: This session will introduce faculty to the information literacy team site on the UB portal, making available multiple databases that track three years of actual search strategies used by students, including data on subject specific databases, usage of specific journal and book collections, and examples of behavior trends and ways to assess information literacy progress.

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Session 3: Poster Presentations on Retention

**It’s All About Saving Face: Working with the Urban College Student**
*Presenters:* Ellen Flynn, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of Bridgeport; Stephen Schultheis, Dean of Student Services, Monroe College, New Rochelle, NY; Maxine Monroe, LMSW, Counselor and Advisor, Monroe College, New Rochelle, NY

*Presentation Summary:* This study assessed a successful academic support program that emphasized the unique psychological, socio-cultural and communal aspects of at-risk urban college students and how those aspects contributed to the program’s effectiveness.

**Retention: Best Practices and the IPED Program Construction**
*Presenter:* Chunjuan Nancy Wei, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Chair of International Political Economy & Diplomacy, CELT 2010-2011 Scholar-in-Residence

*Presentation Summary:* Using institutional data and interviews with graduating students, this preliminary research looks into retention literature and the IPED student demographics, retention and graduation rates. Through studies of best practices in higher education and the unique UB circumstance, this research discusses the impact on the IPED students and suggests improvements for future program construction.

**UB’s Retention Initiatives**
*Presenter:* Gerald Murphy, M.B.A., C.P.A., Retention Specialist, University of Bridgeport

*Presentation Summary:* This presentation will highlight the retention efforts at University of Bridgeport and will provide data and details about our retention successes and the implementation of UB/Retention Alert.

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Presentation of Certificates of Completion to CELT 2010-2011 Faculty
*Presenter:* Patricia Mulcahy-Errt, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, University of Bridgeport
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Hands-On Work Sessions
(Computers will be available for faculty use during these workshops.)

SMARTBoard Workshop
Facilitator: Erik Brillon, M.S., Instructional Designer, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

Session Summary: During this session participants will learn more about the Notebook software and how to apply it to teaching courses.

PowerPoint Workshop
Facilitators: Mary Ellen Donachie, M.S.Ed., Assistant Director, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching and Gerald Murphy, M.B.A., C.P.A., Retention Specialist, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, University of Bridgeport

Session Summary: Workshop attendees will use their own teaching notes to create a PowerPoint presentation to use during the semester. Participants will become familiar with the characteristics of effective presentations.

For additional information about the CELT Faculty Professional Development Programs, please contact us at celt@bridgeport.edu.

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