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Faculty Development News

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Pearson Donates Resources to Professional Development Collection

"It never hurts to ask. The worst they can say is no," was the approach taken when faculty development coordinator, Jo Schwader, asked the Pearson representative at last May's Reading Strategies workshop held on the NWACC campus for donations to the professional development collection (PDC) of reading and writing resources. Fortunately, the answer was yes and the PDC now has 16 new titles for NWACC faculty/staff use. They include:

- The Pearson Textbook Reader: Reading in Applied and Academic Fields by D. Fields
- Think Critically by Facione and Gittens
- Read to Succeed: A Thematic Approach to Academic Reading by D. Rothman & J. Warsi
- Critical Reading, Critical Thinking: Focusing on Contemporary Issues by R. Pivozzi, G. Starks-Martin & J. Dziewisz
- Real Texts: Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines by D. Ward & E . Vander Lei
- Crosscurrents: Reading and the Disciplines by E.C. Link & S. Frye
- What Every Student Should Know About Writing Across the Curriculum by Pearson Publishing
- The Essential Guide: Research Writing Across the Disciplines by J.D. Lester & J. D. Lester, Jr.
- What It Takes: Academic Writing in College by L Behrens & L. J. Rosen

A BIG THANK YOU TO PEARSON PUBLISHING!

WELCOME BACK!!!

Faculty Development Funding-College or Institutional Award Category

Did you know that the faculty development committee has a College or Institutional Award category. It is more general than specific and "funded activities" examples are:

- Research projects aimed at addressing a particular challenge for improving student learning, persistence, or completion,
- Research aimed at learning best practices, models, processes, or systems relevant to an institutional need or challenge,
- Other research projects deemed appropriate for addressing an institutional need or challenge.

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Special points of interest:

- Dr. Jorgenson will facilitate Conversations on Student Learning on Wednesday, September 4 at noon in the Greenhouse Conference room, BH 1444. Bring your lunch and a colleague!
- Celebrate Learning for Faculty Fall 2013 to be held Tuesday morning, August 13 and Wednesday afternoon, August 14 on the third floor of the student center. The schedule is attached to the daily announcements and at https://www.nwacc.edu/web/facultydevelopment.

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Faculty Development Mission & Goals

Mission Statement: To support faculty and academic services staff through learning-centered programs and activities that embody the spirit of collaboration to improve teaching and learning for all learners.

The Office of Faculty Development goals are to support with:

- Opportunities for collaboration and reflection
- Providing relevant professional development learning resources
- Promoting collegiality and demonstration of valuing others through mentoring, providing development opportunities, and sharing expertise among faculty, and academic services staff
- Supporting college initiatives with appropriate learning opportunities
- Encouraging leadership development
- Demonstration and promotion of a culture of learner-centered best practices
- Demonstration and promotion of a learning college culture
- Demonstration and promotion of a culture of continuous improvement

New Faculty Development Website Up & Running!

While most faculty were away, the faculty development coordinator did not play! One of the summer projects included the creation of the new Faculty Development website. There is not yet a direct link on the faculty/staff page of the NWACC website so it can be accessed by going to https://www.nwacc.edu/web/facultydevelopment. In addition, it can be accessed through a link on the staff development webpage.

From this new website, you can find the faculty development mission statement and goals, on-going activities such as the book discussion group or Conversations on Student Learning, and the funding process, funding criteria and faculty professional development funding application.

If you are looking for a copy of the Learning College principles (with the new seventh principle that was recently added) to add to your course syllabi, you can find them there.

If you are not aware that we have a number of on-line professional development resources such as the League of Innovation's iStream, access to the 20 Minute Mentor Commons, The Teaching Professor newsletter, and the Online Classroom newsletter, definitely check them out. They are terrific resources to help us continuously improve in our work.

Dianne Phillips and astrophysicist friend, Dr. Ethan Siegel while conferencing and attending the Mt. Hood star party this summer.

Finally, you will find the present and past Faculty Development News newsletters on the website. If you somehow missed the past two newsletters sent to you via e-mail, you can still read them. There is lots of good information in them including recently purchased or donated resources, tips from our librarians, and more!

This website will be an ever evolving resource and hopefully improved with each update. If you have any helpful suggestions for improving this new site, please contact jschwade@nwacc.edu with your suggestions. Thank you!