

## **Teaching and Learning Committee (TLR) and Teaching for Learning Center (TLC)**

### **Report of Friday Sept. 11, 2009 -Faculty Senate**

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Good afternoon, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly present TLR (TLC)'s past, present and future plans.

#### **The TLC's four missions are:**

- 1) Incorporate best practices and innovations in teaching and learning
- 2) Integrate technology in curriculum and classroom
- 3) Invite Scholar and speakers
- 4) Sustain an environment that promotes quality of life, faculty development and collaborations

#### **The activities of the TLC can be categorized into 6 parts:**

- 1) Faculty Orientations: introduce new faculty to the college community, committees and faculty.
- 2) Faculty forum and scholar visits: Hold faculty round table meetings on how to bring the best practices into college classrooms and curriculums. Invite speakers to discuss contemporary issues such as online curriculum design, challenges, and solutions in higher education
- 3) Faculty workshops: Provide hands on technology usage such as Angel and CAP.
- 4) Co-sponsorship with other committees: Schedule joint workshops with UUP, ARPT, CSTEP and joint conferences with CUNY
- 5) Representing Old Westbury Center (TLC): present and share ideas among the SUNY Teaching Centers (campuses) as well SUNY Center of Professional Development (CPD)
- 6) The Annual Full Day Conference: schedule annual faculty presentations and participation in mid April. (The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2010)

The Annual Conference is a professional and social event where faculty can present their research findings, teaching styles and interesting issues as well as faculty's book signings. In the past, we have had a series of faculty presenting their life experiences, such as the exotic trip of Dr. Sachi Dastidar to the South Pole and his journey through the Silk Road. For the past two years, we had joint research presentation of faculty and their students.

The **theme of the Conference** has been to bring the faculty:

Expertise  
Experiences  
Experiments  
Errors, Challenges, and SWOT

**Special thanks** to Professors Lisa Whitten, Joanne Spadaro, Amy Hsu, and Fernando Nieto for their tremendous contribution during the last TLC Events and the Annual Faculty Conferences.

**Academic 2009-2010 plans are:**

- 1) Faculty Orientation on Friday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00pm to 1:30pm Student Union Cafeteria.
- 2) Participating “*Successful Teaching Conference 2009*” (Corning, NY), sponsored by TLC of Broome, Corning, Onondaga and Tompkins Cortland Community Colleges, the SUNY Center for Professional Development (SUNY CPD), and the Institute for Community College Development (ICCD) Thursday-Friday Oct. 22-23, 2009
- 3) Best Practices in Teaching and Learning – Scholar Visit on Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm to 1:30pm Student Union Multipurpose Rooms
- 4) Faculty Angel Workshop: Building your own online/ hybrid courses by 7 Modules and 7 Discussions on Friday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 2010, 12:00pm to 1:30pm Campus Center Computer Lab (H208)
- 5) 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Full Day Faculty Conference, Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2010, 9:30AM to 3:30PM, Multipurpose Rooms. (Respectfully Requesting Faculty Chair, Deans, Chairs, and Administrators to refrain from holding meetings involving faculty on the Conference Day)

**2008-2009 Events and Presentations**

5th Annual Old Westbury Faculty Conference, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Multipurpose Rooms, Student Union

Review of the Faculty Conference feedback, March 29, 2009

Getting to Tenure (and reappointment, and promotion) Workshop, Co-sponsored by UUP, ARPT and TLC, February 27, 2009, 11:00-12:30, Faculty Lounge in Academic Village

CIT Presentation/ TLC Director, Engaging Minds: Innovative Teaching and Learning, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Instructional Technologies to be held May 19-22, 2009 on the campus of SUNY Oswego.

RETHINKING DIVERSITY in SUNY Old Westbury's General Education Curriculum, *An Interactive Faculty Workshop*, CO-SPONSOR WITH DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, Friday, November 14, 2008, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

TLC Faculty Orientation, Friday October 3, 2008, 11:00AM to 12:30P, Multipurpose Room - Student Union

TLC- CRITICAL THINKING RUBRIC TRAINING WORKSHOP ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING , 9:45am- 12:15pm Friday, February 29, 2008, Multipurpose Room - Student Union

A Roundtable Discussion on Faculty Learning Communities, (SUNY Campuses), Christopher Price, Director Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), SUNY College at Brockport, January 29, 2008

4th Annual Old Westbury Faculty Conference, Friday April 11 2008, 9:30am-3:30-pm, Multipurpose Room - Student Union

**Our Needs Are:**

- 1) A physical room as a center with minimal technology for faculty access and TLR meetings: WiFi, computers, Scanner, Special software (Adobe writers, Flash, and research statistical package-SPSS)
- 2) Budget for the Annual Activities.

Currently **TLR has 6 members**: Fernando Nieto, Amy Hsu, Jingyi Song, Costas Hadjichralambous, Andrew Mattson, and Alireza Ebrahimi (Director)