Faculty Learning Communities

The Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement is reintroducing Faculty Learning Communities to the Lamar University Campus! Faculty who are interested in participating can come to one of two information sessions, being held on October 21st and 22nd. If you can’t make one, come to the other!

October 21st or October 22nd 3:30pm
Mary and John Gray Library – 6th Floor, Central Meeting Hall

A Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is a small, multidisciplinary group that explores an important issue or topic in teaching and learning. More structured and intensive than teaching circles, committees or other common faculty development programs, FLC’s bring about important pedagogical changes and can have a profound effect on the entire culture of an institution. If you are interested in participating in one of the communities listed below, or have ideas for forming one of your own, please come to the session to find out what faculty learning communities are, and the opportunities they have for faculty research and development at Lamar.

FLCs for 2013-14

Online Course Development
Lamar online enrollment and program growth mirrors the national trend, which means more and more faculty are navigating online teaching environments. Possibilities for this FLC include work on synchronistic and non-synchronistic teaching methods, the contrast of online teaching to what is done in the classroom, and more. The FLC will investigate foundational questions of online learning and will impact what we teach and how we teach it.

Leadership
Interested in taking a step forward in your career as a department chair, director, or administrator? Or are you interested in adding leadership qualities and skills in your role as a faculty member? Perhaps serving the community at large or facilitating meetings? This FLC will explore ways to expand Leadership pedagogy and Leadership training for faculty.

Diversity
Lamar is an institution with Diversity as one of its core values, making continued strides with new programs, increased funding for Study Abroad, and increased student opportunities for learning about other cultures and identities, both abroad and at home. This FLC will focus on projects to increase Diversity learning, training, and education at Lamar.

The New Paradigm of the Classroom
The classroom space is changing. With new technologies, innovations in learning methodologies, and the changing paradigms of university education today, this FLC will explore the creation of ideal classroom spaces for Lamar, and work on ways to build those classrooms for our faculty and students.

Sustainability
A continuation from one of our most successful FLCs in the past, which resulted in program development and the creation of a new garden space at Lamar, this group will focus on creating new projects for continuing to think about Sustainability issues, with potential projects of local and global impact.

Open Topic
Have an idea for an FLC of your own? Come to our session and propose your idea! The floor is open for discussing new and creative ways to foster innovative methods for teaching and learning here at Lamar.

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