Learning Central

- We are excited to announce the Learning Central is taking root!
- Learning Central is a conceptual space – a teaching, learning, and technology center that is designed to provide support in all of those things.
- Learning Central is also somewhat of a physical space, which people were previously familiar with as eStudio or eLearning Technologies… and is the combination of faculty development in multiple areas from curriculum to instructional technologies to the instruction management system.
- Learning Central is more than just faculty development, but contains that area of work within it.
- Because of the new structure, we are exploring the idea of an Advisory Committee for Learning Central that could help to shape the work that is being done and will yet be done.
- Some info:

  Sponsors:  
  Dr. Susan Tarnowski – VP of Academic and Student Affairs  
  Mark Baas – VP of Technologies

  Project Leads:  
  Lisa Lamor – Faculty Development  
  Johnna Horton – Director of Media Services / Online

  Core Team Members:  
  Juliann Brueske – D2L Site Admin/Technology Project Specialist  
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Main Objectives

- Design a teaching and learning center that supports a mix of pedagogical efforts as well as technology and other support elements for faculty and staff.
- Create a framework for enhancement of functional relationships between eLearning/online, faculty development, instructional & informational technologies, faculty, and staff.
- Identify current/promising best practices in training and development as well as prospects for expansion or strengthening of existing efforts.
- Engage faculty and staff in more opportunities for professional development that is designed to impact their work in a positive way.
- Support efforts toward collaboration throughout the college and involvement of our academic and community partners outside of the college.

Logo: 

Teaching, Learning, and Technologies and TED on Tuesday ~ Opportunities for Faculty

- Teaching, Learning, and Technologies
  - Multiple sessions related to teaching, learning, and technologies were offered in September & October. There will continue to be sessions through Spring semester, 2015.
  - A full training grid cross referencing topics, facilitators, and timing is being done by Solen and myself currently.
  - Sessions have been redesigned a bit so that they cover both pedagogical and technological concepts simultaneously.
  - Encouragement of faculty by Department Chairs & Academic Deans to consider attending would be most appreciated. Also, please don’t forget to invite folks from Learning Central to present at your next department or division meeting!

- TED on Tuesdays
  - Tried one time – not much turn out; will try again because I am stubborn and still think it sounds fun. 😊
Old conversation revitalized ~ Mentoring for New Faculty

- Multiple people have inquired about formulating a formal process that is consistent around the campus for setting up mentoring/coaching relationships between new & seasoned faculty.
- While this currently happens in some areas, the request is that a campus-wide, consistent, uniform procedure be established that is supportive both to the process and the faculty who serve as mentors.
- Points for possible consideration:
  - Training provided to Mentors?
  - Materials for Mentors to share with new faculty?
  - Compensation of any kind for Mentors?
  - Special consideration for mentoring of adjunct faculty?
  - Connection of this effort to new faculty orientation models?
- I would like to talk about this more at the next AASC meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lamor, Faculty Development