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APRIL 9

Anybody interested in online teaching—whether you are considering teaching online yourself or just want to find out about how it works—mark April 9 on your calendar. On that day we will offer you demonstrations, presentations, and discussions about a wide variety of issues related to online teaching (or “e-learning”) at NEIU. You will hear a keynote from the award-winning online program at the University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS); showcases by Northeastern faculty of the hybrid and online courses they have taught recently; a presentation by a member of the College of DuPage faculty who has been teaching writing-intensive courses for years, and much more. Above all, you will have opportunities for discussing your own interests and concerns with other colleagues and consider future directions of e-learning on our campus.

The CTL has recently conducted 22 phone interviews with tenure-line faculty across many departments about their thoughts on e-learning. Many of them had questions about issues of technical support, institutional support, time commitment, and the quality of online teaching. Virtually all of them also said that—if they weren’t already doing so—they would consider teaching hybrid or even fully-online courses, if these questions were answered to their satisfaction. The faculty’s advice was:

- Showcase good examples of e-learning
- Provide supportive data on the quality of e-learning
- Insure strong support for faculty and students engaging in e-learning
- Incorporate e-learning into the scholarship acceptable for promotion and tenure, and
- Listen to faculty concerns!

That’s why we have put together this symposium on The Future of E-Learning at NEIU (see the detailed program on the backside of this *Bulletin*). If you want to review some pertinent information about this topic ahead of time, we recommend the following documents/websites:

Online @ Illinois Springfield: <http://www.uis.edu/online/>

The official website of UIS’ online programs with descriptions of their online undergraduate, graduate, and certification programs; newsletter and news articles; and resources on technology-enhanced learning.

Illinois Virtual Campus: <http://www.ivc.illinois.edu/>

An online catalog listing courses, degrees and certificates available via distance learning at 72 Illinois colleges and Universities. The IVC also publishes an annual report of Illinois distance learning enrollments.

NEIU E-Learning/Distance Education Page: <http://www.neiu.edu/distance>

This new site will provide info about E-Learning hardware and software requirements, courses and activities.

NEIU Blackboard Faculty Resources Page: <http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/blackboard.html>

This page includes latest news, online tutorials, frequently asked questions and other resources to help faculty use Blackboard in their face-to-face, hybrid or online classes.

The Future of E-Learning at NEIU

Student Union, Room 214
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



10:00 - 10:15 am

Welcome

10:15 - 11:00 am

Video Presentation: Faculty and Student Viewpoints on Learning and Teaching Online

Faculty and Students from University of Illinois at Springfield

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

NEIU Faculty Showcase: Creating and Teaching Online and Hybrid Courses at NEIU

Lisa Hollis-Sawyer, Jeff Kowalkowski, Pam Bagdzinski, Pete Stonebraker, Emily Good

12:00 - 12:30 pm

Lunch for participants

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Keynote Address: Building an Award Winning E-Learning Program at UIS

Raymond Schroeder

Professor Emeritus of Communication, University of Illinois at Springfield

Director, UIS Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning (OTEL)

1:30 - 2:00 pm

What Does The Research Say About Online Learning?

Anthony Piña

Coordinator of Learning Technologies, NEIU

Past-President, AECT Division of Distance Learning

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Title V Session: Online Writing Intensive Courses

Faculty from College of DuPage