

CTE Notebook

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**“Civility in the
Classroom”**

Reinert CTE Mission Statement

The mission of the Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Teaching Excellence is to support Saint Louis University faculty and graduate students so that they can better serve the intellectual, spiritual, and social needs of all learners.

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From the Director

“Just because everything is different doesn’t mean that anything has changed.” Irene Peter

Welcome to a new academic year. In many ways, the quotation captures much of the essence of what I have to share with you in this first column of fall 2007. There have been many changes in the Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence over the summer, but the Center’s core mission and the staff’s dedication to providing services to enhance teaching at Saint Louis University have not changed. What has changed provides the Center with new opportunities and some new challenges. The changes encompass staff, physical location, and services.

In mid-August, the Center welcomed Mark Pousson as the new program director for service learning. Mark has worked as a counselor in Student Health & Counseling Services for the past seven years. He earned two master’s degrees; one in education, and the other in social work. Mark has taught as an adjunct at SLU and at Aquinas Institute for many years. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education. Mark will work closely with Bobby Wassel in Student Development, faculty fellow Mary Domahidy, service learning intern Meredith Hoog and the service learning advisory board to promote service learning on campus and to provide resources and assistance to faculty and teaching assistants interested in integrating service into their curricula.

We are also pleased to welcome the Blackboard support team (formerly WebCT) consisting of Kim Scharringhausen and Ted Rubright to the staff of the Center for Teaching Excellence. Previously Kim and Ted were part of the Information Technology Services (ITS) staff. They will work closely as part of a team led by Sandy Gambill, our program director for learning technologies, to enable the Center to increase services currently offered supporting the integration of learning technologies into teaching. These services include instructional design assistance, determination of when and what technologies to use in teaching, building courses in Blackboard, and designing instructional websites. The team will also offer regularly scheduled Blackboard training sessions. Ted and Kim will move from DesPeres Hall to the Academic Resource Center in early September. Many Blackboard training sessions will be held in DesPeres Hall.

August was a busy time for the Center as we moved temporarily from our home of seven years in Verhaegen Hall to the second floor of the Academic Resource Center which is located between Bannister House and Crazy Bowls and Wraps on Lindell Blvd. While we no longer have our technology and learning lab, we will not let that impact the number and type programs and services that we offer. We will use spaces throughout campus for our many programs, and anticipate our staff will travel more often to your location for consultations. Our fall schedule of Effective Teaching Seminars is included in this newsletter, and you will note that the majority of these seminars will take place in the Knight’s

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I dealt with it by not only having private discussions with him, but with members of his little "group." I found that the group members did not appreciate his behavior either, and welcomed my intercession. He was always civil and apologetic when we talked, and accepting of criticism, vowing to improve. I warned him of the consequences, but things did not change much. He failed the course. It was the only message that carried any weight with him.

Lesson learned? Confront the problem head-on, and be prepared to follow through. You aren't



Principles for Saint Louis University's Learning Community**

The standards listed below were created and proposed by the Ad Hoc Civility in the Classroom subcommittee of the Undergraduate Initiatives Committee with appreciation of COPS Behavioral Standards Code

The purpose of these principles is to create an educational climate of excellence and civility that is rooted in the principles of the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. These principles challenge all members of our learning community to strive for excellence, to become men and women for others, to integrate classroom and out-of-classroom learning, to develop their talents through discovery and reflection, and to be concerned for each person (*cura personalis*). All members of the university community are expected to contribute to the development and sustainability of community through word and action. Our community is characterized by respect for the dig-

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into a 2 hour final).

G. Define when and how you will dis-

September 4 @ 1:00p.m.
September 7 @ 1:00p.m.
ARC Lower Level 017

Orientation to CTE
for New Certificate Participants

September 4 @ 1:30p.m.
September 7 @ 1:30p.m.
ARC Lower Level 017

Teaching Difficult Topics
Jonathan Smith, American Studies

October 2 @ 1:30 p.m.
October 5 @ 1:30 p.m.
Knight's Room, Pius Library

Universal Instructional Design
Karen Myers, Leadership & Higher Ed

October 16 @ 1:30 p.m.
October 19 @ 1:30 p.m.
Knight's Room, Pius Library

Integrative Learning
Beth Hill, Reinert Center
for Teaching Excellence

October 30 @ 1:30 p.m.
Knight's Room, Pius Library

Learning Styles
Elizabeth Zeibig,
School of Allied Health

November 6 @ 1:30 p.m. &
November 9 @ 1:30 p.m.
Knight's Room, Pius Library

Interactive Lecturing
Paaige Turner, Communication
***Teaching Portfolio Open Lab
Session***



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