Important Message Regarding CTRE Grants

Below is an important message from the Director of the CTRE, Mr. Michael Sukowski, regarding the most recent grant application submission period:

 выбрать Хорошее качество. CTRE grant applications continue to increase in number of applications and dollar amounts requested. In grant applications for the first quarter (July 1, 2014) we have received the following:
Faculty development/travel: $54,319.95
Student engagement: $19,585.00
Seed grant/research: $71,400.00

Program enrichment: $4,000.00
TOTAL $149,304.95

Dividing our budget by four quarters, we have a total of $67,250.00 available for all grant categories this first quarter, well below the total amount requested. The faculty advisory committee’s review subcommittee has a daunting task ahead of them.

Applications received after the 5:00pm July 1 deadline cannot be considered this round. First-time applicants should receive first consideration, other applications for future travel (after September 1st) will be considered for the September round.

Two Online Learning Conferences

If you are interested in learning and sharing with a community of online educators, there are two conferences coming up that you should be aware of.

On October 29-31, 2014, the eLearning Guild will be hosting DevLearn|13 in Las Vegas, Nevada, a “dynamic and comprehensive program,” offering nearly 200 learning activities that will explore the latest in cutting-edge tools, mobile learning, technology strategies, gamification, and more. To learn more about DevLearn|13, click here.

Those same dates, the Online Learning Consortium will be hosting the 20th Annual International Conference on Online Learning, to be held in Orlando, Florida. This conference will offer a wide range of activities and sessions on blended learning, issues of diversity, open education resources, and more. This conference can be attended either in-person or virtually. To learn more about the 20th Annual International Conference on Online Learning, click here.
CTRE Virtual Roundtable

The CTRE’s newest faculty development initiative, CTRE Virtual Roundtable, is offered as a convenient, user-friendly means of connecting with colleagues across campus to discuss issues and topics related to teaching.

Upcoming roundtables include:

“Art of Teaching: Successful Teaching”
July 14, 2014
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching: Broad Range of Learners”
July 21, 2014
10:30-11:30

“Art of Teaching: Starting Out Right”
July 28, 2014
10:30-11:30

Each virtual roundtable will take place via Blackboard Collaborate. Links for each session can be found in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle. To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

CTRE Faculty Symposium Series

As part of its 2014-2015 programming theme, the CTRE is pleased to announce:

CTRE Faculty Symposium Series

This series is an opportunity for faculty from across campus to share their scholarly work to an audience of their university peers and colleagues. All disciplines, topics and formats are welcome. Symposia will take place throughout the academic year, starting in the summer of 2014.

If you are interested in being a presenter, please fill out this brief information form. You will be contacted shortly thereafter.

If you have questions about the CTRE Faculty Symposium Series, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Respondus LockDown Browser & Monitor

Chicago State University now has an institutional license to use Respondus LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor. Both of these applications allow for greater security in internet test-taking.

LockDown Browser is a custom internet browser that students must download before taking an exam in Moodle. When it is engaged, students cannot access other webpages, copy and paste, screen capture, or right-click on any thing.

Respondus Monitor captures a live video stream of students via a webcam while they are taking an exam. You can then review the video afterwards.

If you are interested in implementing one or both of these applications in your own courses, you can learn more about them on the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle. If you have further questions, contact the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or elearning@csu.edu.