Since its inception, the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence Advisory Board has sought to help navigate a course that is not only consistent with the CTRE’s mission, but allows it to grow and reach out to faculty in ways previously unrealized.

Among the Advisory Board’s subcommittees, which include those of Teaching Excellence, Distance Learning, and Research Excellence, is the blossoming Service Excellence Committee (SEC).

The committee is designed to provide an umbrella information resource for all faculty service opportunities. In other words, the SEC will help faculty who want to get involved in community service in some way to find opportunities that are right for them, be they on or off campus.

For example, the Sociology Department may have service opportunities that would appeal to someone in African-American Studies. Currently, that information has no consistent means of getting

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2 FRIDAY FACULTY FEST WORKSHOPS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

The coming weeks will see some amazing workshops take place in the CTRE. Here’s a brief overview of a couple you’ll want to mark on your calendar:

December 2
“Preparing Your CTRE Grant Application”
No excuses! This is your chance to get on the ball and learn about some useful tips to keep in mind when applying for a Faculty Enrichment Grant or Seed Grant, applications for which are due January 1. Don’t know what a Seed Grant is? Come to the workshop and find out!

December 9
“Discovering the Socratic Seminar”
If you’re wondering, “What on earth is a Socratic Seminar? (And how can it help make me a better teacher?)” then this one is for you! As many know, Socrates was one of history’s greatest philosophers and teachers, due to his famous approach to discovery by asking penetrating yet simple questions.

This is not to be missed!

Friday Faculty Fest workshops take place every Friday from 12:00-2:00 PM in the CTRE’s LIB 301.

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across, but the SEC aims to change just that. With the SEC’s upcoming webpage, faculty will also be able to coordinate with other faculty on future service projects.

As envisioned by Elizabeth Arnott-Hill, committee chairperson, the SEC also aims to “empower and celebrate faculty successes.” What this means on a practical level is that faculty who give to the community in a real and meaningful way should be recognized for their efforts.

In order to achieve all of these goals, however, the committee needs a few more dedicated individuals to help give it some muscle (see side bar).

The university, after all, is a pillar of community involvement; with the SEC, that role can be even greater.

JOIN THE SERVICE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE!
IF YOU WANT TO PLAY A PART IN HELPING THE SEC DEVELOP, THEN CONTACT:

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