



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

NOVEMBER 20–26, 2011

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MOODLE BASICS	11/20 3:00 PM ONLINE
MOODLE ELLUMINATE	11/29 2:00 PM LIB 144
GRANT APPLICATION TIPS	12/2 12:00 PM LIB 301

GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

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 Ex-

cellence, 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 commu-

nity 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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CTRE BY THE NUMBERS

Did you know that the CTRE’s **faculty grant awards** were up over 345% between 2009 and fall 2011? To check out the application process for any one of our 3 faculty grants, click [HERE](#).

GLOBAL VOICES, GLOBAL LEARNING

International Education Week officially kicked off at CSU on **November 15** in the Cordell Reed Student Union Rotunda.

The opening ceremony, organized by the **Office of International Programs**, was an opportunity to recognize “students, faculty, administrators, and staff who have enriched our community” by taking their learning to the international stage.

The keynote speaker, **Dr. LeRoy Jones**, spoke pointedly

of the continued need of the university to engage its students—and educators—with the rest of the world, and how technology is making that task ever easier. Social media outlets, such as **Facebook** and **Twitter**, are bringing curious minds together to a degree almost unimaginable 10 years ago. Thus we find ourselves in “an increasingly smaller technological world,” as Dr.

Jones noted.

With that in mind, it becomes more evident with each passing semester that instructors must be ready to facilitate and guide students as they ap-



proach the internet as a learning resource, whether to understand geopolitical shifts half-way around

the world or merely to say hi to someone living there.

Looking Forward

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!

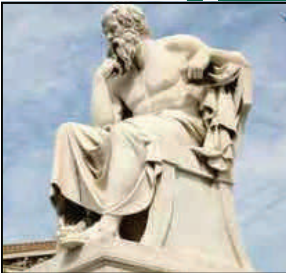
December 9

"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 in-



volvement; 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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