



**DOMINICAN  
UNIVERSITY**  
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**FACULTY PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

**FALL 2006**

**SAVE THE DATE !**

## AUGUST

Tuesday 8/15

3:00 - 6:00

**New Faculty Orientation:** At the beginning of each semester, orientation will be held for all new full-time and part-time faculty. In addition to general information and procedures regarding the University, further information regarding syllabus & independent studies/tutorials, faculty responsibility for class meetings, course evaluations, grades, library and computer resources, registration and student services and an overview of Dominican history are presented.

6:00 -7:00

**New Faculty Reception:** Opportunity for all faculty and administrators to meet new full and part time faculty in a casual social setting.

6:30 - 7:30

**Adjunct Faculty Forum Meeting:** Meeting held each semester open to all adjunct faculty to discuss specific issues and concerns related to adjunct faculty with the Adjunct Faculty representatives to Faculty Forum, Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair of the Faculty Forum and the Provost.

Wednesday 8/16

1:00 - 5:00

**VPAA Workshop:** These bi-annual workshops will feature a keynote speaker, or instructional panel presentation on a chosen topic. Specific objectives will be developed for each workshop, and the design will include opportunities for faculty to interact in small group activities and participate in the development of the workshop's outcomes. All outcomes will be distributed to faculty along with action plans and support for implementation throughout the semester/year.

## SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 9/13

12:00 - 1:00

**Conversation with Ken - Understanding and Implementing Electronic Evaluations:** Attend a demonstration and panel discussion presented by Jackson Ratcliffe, Director of IT and faculty colleagues who have participated in the pilot project using Scantron Electronic evaluations.

Friday 9/15

1:30 - 3:30

**CLIENT Workshop - Analysis of Data:** (Tom Burke and the Assessment Committee) Part 1 in a series of workshops offered by the Assessment Committee. This workshop will focus on *Developing Assessment Tools and Rubrics*. Focus will be on course embedded assignments. Models will be provided. Workshop will be experiential; faculty will produce a tool linked their own courses and departmental SLOs in the workshop. Outside assessment expert, Dr. LeAnn McGinley, Director of Assessment at West Valley College will lead.

Tuesday 9/19

12:00- 1:30

**Faculty Development Brown Bag Lunch** - Director of Disability Services at Dominican University of California, Kathryn Mulholland will discuss strategies for working with challenging students and Classroom Management Techniques in this interactive lunch-time workshop.

Thursday 9/28

12:00 - 1:00

**Academic Climate - Mentoring Students for Presentations:**

Grab your student advisees who are planning to participate in NCUR or the Academic Excellence Showcase in the spring semester and join your colleagues and previous student presenters to learn tips and strategies for professional poster and research presentation skills.

Friday 9/29

12:00 - 1:00

**Faculty Forum Discussion - Faculty Scholarship Grants; Applying, Using and Reporting: What Works:**

Meet with Dominican University of California faculty who have previously received Faculty Scholarship Grants and hear from them about tips on the application process, how they used their funds and what positive impact the grant has had on their continuous improvement of teaching and scholarship.

## OCTOBER

Wednesday 10/4

4:00 - 6:00

**Service Learning Pedagogy Workshop I:** First in a series of workshops for a small group of faculty (approximately 6) interested in working with Dominican University's Service Learning Coordinator Julia Van der Ryn on integrating Service Learning Pedagogy into their syllabus and courses. Guest presenter, Julie Reed, Service Learning Coordinator for the University of San Francisco. **(Participants must attend the entire series of workshops, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8 and 11/29).**

**Monday 10/9**

**4:00 - 5:30**

**SPSS Workshop:**

Learn to use the computer program **SPSS** (originally, **S**tatistical **P**ackage for the **S**ocial **S**ciences), it is among the most widely used programs for statistical analysis in social sciences.

**Friday 10/13** *(Fall Break Day - Open to all - Optional)*

**Time--TBD**

**Grant Searches 101: (Follow-up to the spring 2006 Grant Workshop):**

This workshop will meet at the Non-Profit Resource Center and Library (NPRCL), located at 555 Northgate Drive in San Rafael for a hands-on tutorial workshop allowing participants time and assistance to practice search strategies for grant acquisition. The Center for the Volunteer and Non-Profit Leadership and the Non-Profit Resource Center and Library provide local non-profits and community members with a wide range of information sources and services, including public workstations with access terminals for the Foundation Directory On-Line.

**Tuesday 10/17**

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Sexual Harassment in the Classroom Presentation** - Members of the Human Resources Office will present an interactive workshop addressing how to effectively deal with issues of sexual harassment in the classroom.

**Wednesday 10/18**

**12:00 -1:00**

**Provost's Forum** - Follow-up discussion with the Provost and members of the Retention Committee and Academic Advising regarding Dr. Thomas Brown's VPAA Workshop presentation on Faculty Impact on Retention Initiatives. Data from our Student Services Inventory (SSI) and the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)

surveys will be presented.

**4:00-6:00**

**Service Learning Pedagogy Workshop II:**

Second in the series of five workshops exploring the underlying tenets of transforming curriculum with Service Learning Pedagogy (Open to selected participants participating in the entire series).

**Thursday 10/19**

**12:00 - 1:30**

**Diversity and Curriculum Transformation:**

Facilitated by Suresh Appavoo, Director-CDI and the Diversity Action Group, this workshop is designed for hands-on professional development about how to transform curriculum and coursework for an increasingly diverse student population. Methods of transforming curricula for diversity including approaches to content, pedagogy, and assessment will be discussed and demonstrated. Faculty are encouraged to bring Syllabi, Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) and allied materials for interactive use during the workshop. **RSVP by 10/13 to [sappavoo@dominican.edu](mailto:sappavoo@dominican.edu) for lunch sans charge.**

**Tuesday 10/24**

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Conversation with Ken: Continued discussion of Retention Issues and the SSI/CLA data:**

Continued discussion from 10/18 regarding the data of the Student Satisfaction Inventory and the Collegiate Learning Assessment surveys. Participants include the Provost, members of the Retention Committee and members of the Academic Advising staff.

**Wednesday 10/25**

**12:00-1:30**

**Faculty Development Brown Bag Lunch - DU of C Students: Who are They, How can we Best Teach Them?**

Did you know that over 24.8% of DU of C students were in the top 10% of their high school class? That 34.4% of the Fall 2006 class held high school GPA's of 3.5 or better? That the mean high school GPA for this year's freshman class was 3.05? Combining local and national information with just a bit of theory, this workshop will examine the world of undergraduate students. By exploring the

questions "Who are they?" and "What do we know about their backgrounds, interests, and experiences?" we will uncover information to help us better address the fundamental issue of "How can we best teach them?"

Friday 10/27

1:30 - 3:30

**CLIENT Workshop: Utilizing Assessment Data As An Institutional Tool; Using Your Rubric For Assessment:** Preparing and examining data from the imbedded assessment tools and rubrics. Second in the series of Assessment Workshops offered by the Assessment Committee and Dr. LeAnn McGinley, Director of Assessment at West Valley College.

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday 11/1

4:00 - 6:00

**Service Learning Pedagogy Workshop III:**

Third in the series of five for faculty working on transforming their courses to embody service learning pedagogy.

Friday 11/3

12:00 - 1:00

**Faculty Forum Discussion: Building Faculty/Departmental Web Pages:**

Working with the new website to build faculty/department pages. Join Peter Mentzer, web page developer with Dominican university's IT department to learn how to build, maintain and update faculty, department or event web pages.

Tuesday 11/7

12:00 - 1:00

**Working with Students with Psychological Disabilities:** Kathryn Mulholland, Director of Disability Services presents important information for all faculty and staff.

Wednesday 11/8

4:00 - 6:00

**Service Learning Pedagogy Workshop IV:**

Fourth in the series of five workshops on Service Learning pedagogy.

**Wednesday**            **11/15**

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Academic Climate - Dominican University of California Research and Creative Work Journal:**

Work with Sarah Gardner from the President's Office and the Marketing Department and members of the IT staff to establish an online Dominican University of California Research and Creative Work Journal.

**Friday**                **11/17**

**1:30-3:30**

**CLIENT Workshop - Library Resources and Services Workshop:**

Topics covered in this workshop include advanced, deep research skills, accessing specialized databases and working with content librarians. Additional information on downloading information from the library site, copyright and electronic reserve issues, and reshaping our thinking to see the library as a learning resource will be presented in an interactive forum.

**Monday**                **11/20**

**12:00 - 1:30**

**Faculty Development Brown Bag Lunch - Carving Out Time For Scholarship:**

Meet with your colleagues to share tips and strategies on how to build opportunities for scholarship, research and publication into our busy schedules and still have a life.

**Tuesday**                **11/28**

**12:00 - 1:00**

**Provost's Forum:** Ruth Ramsey, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department will present her sabbatical project "The Professional Expertise of Community Practicing Occupation Therapists: Preliminary Findings"

**Wednesday**            **11/29**

**4:00 - 6:00**

**Service Learning Pedagogy Workshop V:**

Last in the five part series of workshops focusing on transforming curriculum and courses to embody Service Learning Pedagogy.





