Georgia Centers for Teaching and Learning
Friday May 20, 2011
Meeting Notes

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1.   Tris Utschig (GA Tech)
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- The section on our LMS transition is a good resource for faculty and has browser information for version 8.
- There is a mobile facebook site that everyone is encouraged to join.
- The Teaching and Learning Resources section includes: a more complete list of conferences; journals and scholarly articles; open ed resources; board policy related to faculty development and teaching; and adoptable templates. Bryon will send SACS guidelines to post.

Ginger asked everyone to review and contact her with updates, etc.

Georgia Southern and Georgia Perimeter have "FLO" courses they will share with all.

The new policies for Faculty Development - 8.3.14 and Work with the Schools – 8.3.15 are important to be familiar with. The Work in the Schools will be approved by the BOR in June.

The group discussed the need for SoTL activities to count toward research and scholarship for faculty and the variations on campuses about where this is done. We need to educate campuses that this is a part of USG policy and suggest that faculty publish in discipline specific SoTL journals when possible.
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Administrative topics include: mentoring, developing new faculty, evaluation of faculty, and leadership.

People want more workshops with hands-on experiences. They are thinking maybe do a preparation online and hands-on in sessions. Brian suggested taking questions from participating up front to customize to needs.

Incivility in the Classroom is a popular topic. Judith suggested looking at the Michigan State website. Another topic of interest is open textbooks.

David Pollack asked about repeating the workshops offered at regional sites. Mike said that his office can come to campuses to deliver topics. Local campuses can coordinate these sessions as well. Mike asked everyone to post to the listserv if you have needs.

Topics suggested include: academic dishonesty, instructional design, how faculty can help with RPG (Linda suggested that we sell this through engagement.), dwf rates, and balancing work, research and life. Macon (Martha Venn) mentioned that they have team awards to change dwf numbers on their campus.

Some call the incivility workshops "Classroom Hell".
Send Mike an email if you would like to data regarding who registered and attended their workshops from your campus.

During a discussion of Teaching Portfolios, Judith suggested looking at the Indiana site for training for portfolio review and to check with POD for consultation options and training.

The group discussed Distance Learning Initiatives on campuses with attention to where DL is housed and what regulations are in place. Ginger can do a workshop on How to Evaluate Online Faculty for campuses - contact her.   Mike suggested that e-Core has a MOU for teaching online that might be of interest.

Mike is getting a legal review of the new federal DL regulations and will send the information to RACDE when he gets the information back.

The group discussed Verification Clauses and if a password and ID are enough. Ft Valley piloted Proctor Scan and can provide information on that. Axiom is another option.

Other issues include: campus policies on social media, lap top policies. Mike's area can offer workshops on The Use of Social Media – Do's and Don'ts.

Linda Noble led a discussion on Student Behavioral and Mental Health Workshops
Linda asked the group if workshops should be provided at the system level. The consensus was that campuses do need resources for this. Georgia Southern has a BAT (Behavior Assessment Team) and Georgia Tech has a video they make available to faculty.

Deborah Vess was not able to come to discuss changes to the Core Curriculum and the role of teaching centers.

Campus Updates:
Macon just hired a part time director of distance learning and faculty development. Their goal is to establish a fully functioning Teaching and Learning Center.

Bainbridge has new space and just hired Pollack. He needs help with teaching and learning options.

South Georgia has a program called FAME where the VPAA meets with new faculty each month.

Atlanta Metro is using Teaching and Learning Communities to engage faculty.

Georgia Southern has faculty learning communities that are expanding to Teaching Assistants and part time faculty.

Columbus State provide a handout of their updates.

Georgia Perimeter reported that all students have iPads or iTouches and faculty have to work out applications. The CTL and OIT are working on an iTeach project funded by a Student Tech Fee grant and 15 faculty are involved in how to improve student learning.

The group discussed Flat World Knowledge. We should check with Marie Lassiter on this and eTexts, Open Text Books and Open Source Books.

Peter mentioned that we can get CTL operating budgets and number of staff from the listserv information collected last year. He wants feedback on the DCD for new faculty for the first day of class. He provided a copy to each person present. He also mentioned that Merlot also has a first day product. He also provided copies to the International Student brochure developed at GSU and thinks it might apply to all students. It is titles Teaching Trips for Teaching Non-native Students.

Peter will send links to iTunes U, Second Life, Clickers, CMS and uLearn.

Judith will send the new Teaching Tips next spring.

Stanford's Richard Reis "Tomorrow's Professor" is offered twice a week.

Peter initiated a discussion and vote on leadership for next year. The Executive committee includes the past, current and future chair. And the chair position rotates between the 3 types of institutions – research, non-research, and 2-year. The secretary's position and rotation to chair has been dropped. Peter will serve as past chair, Stella Smith was elected as chair for next year and David Pollack was elected as future chair for 2013.

There will be two meeting next year – projected for October and June. The fall meeting may be in relation to the POD conference October 26 in Atlanta.