2010 POD Conference Newsletter #2

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Welcome Conference Attendees
Welcome to the 35th Annual POD Conference. We have lots of “old timers” who have been members of POD for many years, we have “newbies” who are attending the conference for the first time, and we are privileged to have attendees from a number of countries other than the United States and Canada. Welcome to each and every one of you as you join us for another exhilarating year of networking for our common goal: more effective faculty development.

POD Conference Conversation on Twitter
For those of you on Twitter, you can follow the conference backchannel conversation. Visit twitter.com and search for “#POD10”

Visit tinyurl.com/pod10twitter to learn how you can get started using Twitter and contribute to the discussions and posting.

Join Us for Breakfast
Just a reminder that lots of great conversation happens over our POD-sponsored breakfasts each morning. It’s a chance to meet new PODders, network for new ideas, and discuss sessions already attended. 7:00-8:45 on Saturday and 7:00-8:15 on Sunday in the Grand Ballrooms D & E on 4th floor. See you then!

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Karen Thoms, Newsletter Editor

Start Your Morning with Yoga
Start your morning with Michele DiPietro as he leads the group (beginning levels to more advanced) with yoga practice. 6:00-7:00 a.m. at the Gateway (18th floor), East on Saturday, and Sunday. Bring a mat if you have one, bottle of water if you wish.

New Faculty Development Unit?
New faculty development unit at your institution created within the last year? Got a spot on the master list of faculty development units. Contact me with your institutional information about your unit and I will add you. I’m interested in all types of faculty development units all over the world, whether ¼ time load reassignment or multi-staff center or a committee or part of a medical school or part of a larger unit—if you do teaching development as a part of your designated job duties, let me know! (Sally Kuhlenschmidt) Sally.kuhlenschmidt@wku.edu

Small College Saturday Dinner
Interested in meeting with other people from small colleges for dinner Saturday? Sign up on the table across from the POD registration area so reservations can be made. Dutch treat—you’re responsible for the cost of your own meal! Meet at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday in the lobby to go to dinner at Caleco’s (about 2 blocks away).

Saturday Night—Reset Clocks/Watches!
Highlights from the Twitter Backchannel (#pod10)

• At the POD 2010 conference, Todd Zakrajsek, Karron Lewis, and Michael Reder are phenomenal speakers! (@OnlineTrnr)

• As of Fall 2007 Natl Ctr for Ed Statistics says 48.7% of faculty were part-time faculty and that is increasing! (@scastriotta)

• I miss not being there at #POD10 with all of you! But LOVE the tweets! Thanks so much for the connection to the conference!!! (@cwehlburg)

• Applying learning principles to fac dev - what motivates faculty? Efficiency & focusing on small incremental changes (@bridgetarend)

• Good set of context and content questions before course design. What if these fed into database that provided relevant examples? (@jjulius)

2010 POD “Small Colleges” Sessions

*Starred sessions are specifically focused on faculty development within the small-college context. Lots of sessions this year have been intended for small colleges or the presenters work at small colleges:

FRIDAY, NOV. 5, AFTERNOON:

*Assessing the History Component within a General Studies Program, Joel Hyer, Interactive, Grand Ballroom H, 2:15-3:30 p.m.

*Controversial Conversations: Engaging Students and Faculty, Kathleen Harring and Lisa Perfetti, Interactive, Mills 3, 2:15-3:30 p.m.

*Promoting High-Impact Learning Practices Through New Faculty Orientation, Linda Beane-Katner, Roundtable, Mills 4, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Summer Faculty Development Workshops: Retreat and Retreat, Diane Persellin and Mary Daniels, Poster Session, Park View, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Building the Culture for Continuous Innovation, Tiffany Yates, Poster Session, Park View, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Not Your Ordinary Annual Report: Delivering Assessment to the University, Amy Collier and Chris Faulkner, Poster Session, Park View, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6:

*Small Colleges Committee Meeting, Linda Beane-Katner, Sal Meyers, Carolyn Oxenford, Meeting, Sterling 6, 7:15-8:30 a.m.

The Ithaca Faculty Commons: Web 2.0 Gateway to Faculty Development, Susanne Morgan, Michael Buck, Dennis Charsky, Marilyn Dispensam Ali Erkan, and Carol Henderson, Interactive Session, Sterling 6, 9:00-10:15.

*Speed Networking and Speedstorming: Speed Dating Adaptations for Small Colleges, Sal Meyers, Interactive Session, Sterling 6, 3:00-4:15.

The Lively Discussion: Discussion Protocols for F2F and Online Classes, Dakin Burkick, Interactive, Grand Ballroom H, 4:30-5:45.

*Starting and Sustaining Faculty Development at Small Colleges (Part 2), Michael Reder, POD Sponsored Session, Mills 3, 4:30-5:45.

Technology, Technology Coordinator, and Faculty Development: Chutes and Ladders, Charles Snare and Susan Hines, Roundtable, Mills 4, 4:30-5:45.

*Using SoTL Faculty Retreats to Increase Research Productivity, Harriette Richard, Linette Fox, Phyllis Dawkins, Grand Ballroom F, 4:30-5:45.