

## FD Podcast – 5/8/06

Hello and welcome to the Faculty Development Podcast #20.

I'm Jean Kent, the Faculty Development Coordinator and today I have several updates and announcements and a short report on the Pacific Northwest Teaching and Learning Conference I attended in Vancouver, WA last week.

Speaking of last week I mentioned the Faculty Development Spring Speakers Series in my podcast and I must be on information overload because I gave the wrong date for the presentation by David Levy. He'll be speaking on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> NOT May 10<sup>th</sup>. It's a bit ironic because he focuses on information overload. You can bet I'll be in the front row when he speaks. My apologies to everyone for getting this date wrong. So, I'll see you on May 24<sup>th</sup> instead of the 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll be providing refreshments so please let me know if you plan to attend. And feel free to bring a guest or two. Of course, faculty will be eligible to receive a partial salary credit if they attend.

Chaplain James Yee will be speaking on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Mike Eisenberg will be speaking on May 31<sup>st</sup>. All will be speaking at Central campus and if you have a valid parking pass for your campus, you can park in the garage on Pine and Harvard for free. I hope to see lots of faculty at all of these presentations.

Two workshops are being sponsored by Faculty Development this week. On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Jay Keeton, a part-time faculty member who teaches sociology and sociological research at North Seattle will present Blogging 101: Weblogs As An Educational Tool at Central Campus. Jay has developed one of the best educational blogs I've ever seen and I'll include a link to it in my "play notes" for this podcast. The workshop will be from 2 – 4 in room BE 3110. You'll get a blog set up and start understanding some of the great ways to use it by the end of the workshop.

I'm giving a podcasting workshop at South campus on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 in the TLC. I've gotten some new ideas for podcasts as a result of the podcasting session I gave at the Teaching and Learning Conference last week. At Bates Technical College, they have started recording important sounds that people in various jobs to be able to recognize and interpret. For example, they've recorded normal and abnormal heart beats and made them available as podcasts for their nursing students. They've done something similar with their automotive students who can now listen to and review a collection of important car noises. I was impressed by these clever uses for podcasting.

The 2006-2007 District Online Course Development Stipend application process began on May 2. The process is handled completely online and the application, guidelines, and instructions can all be found on the District Intranet. New courses are funded up to \$2500 and course revisions for up to \$1000. The deadline for submitting a grant is Monday, May 22. Deans must submit their comments and approval by Friday, May 26 and VPs for Instruction must submit their comments and approvals by Friday, June 2. Awards will be announced on Friday, June 9. Contact me or your campus DL Manager (Tom Brazianas

at North, Queenie Baker at Central, and Sara Newman at South), if you have any questions about the grant process.

Along with several other faculty and staff from the district, I attended the 2006 Pacific Northwest Teaching and Learning Conference in Vancouver Washington last week. At least a half dozen sessions were given by district faculty and staff and students from North Seattle were part of a panel presentation on the last day. I co-presented a session on podcasting with Geoff Cain and Andy Duckworth from Tacoma Community College. The picture shows the three of us right before show time. The PowerPoint slides, a podcast of the session, and lots of resources are posted on the session web site. A new, noteworthy resource a friend sent me is a podcasting and copyright web site. I'll include a link to the web site in my play notes.

Finally, I want to share an amazing new real estate web site I learned about recently. The URL is <http://www.zillow.com> and it allows you to look up property, see when it was sold and for how much. There's a satellite view (which comes from the same database that Google Earth uses) and much, much more. If you are looking for real estate in Washington State, I encourage you to check it out. Warning – you can spend far too much time at Zillow so make sure you establish some limits before you get started on it.

Well, that's it for this podcast. Thanks for listening and tune in next week for another Faculty Development podcast.