Faculty Development Week

February 6-10, 2023
Monday, February 6, 2023

**Overview of Learning Analytics and Using Robotic Process Automation** 10:00-10:50
**Tool to Collect Analytics Data** (new time)
Gene (Xiaojun) Shan, CFD Faculty Fellow, College of Science & Engineering

This presentation will provide an overview of learning analytics (LA), including its definition, types of data, the objectives of LA projects, and the trend in research activities related to LA. Then, a robotic process automation will be presented and demonstrated on how to collect data from different systems including a Learning Management System.

**Artificial Intelligence (AI): Emerging Impact on Teaching in Higher Education** 11:00-11:50
Izaak Diefenbach & Jenni Willis-Opalenik, Office of Instructional Technology

Although AI is positioned to offer benefits in operational aspects of higher education (e.g., scheduling, recruitment planning, retention, financial aid), its potential instructional use has raised some concerns for faculty. In this session, instructional designers (ID) will discuss three AI-related areas of controversy for faculty: (1) adaptive learning technologies, (2) ChatGPT and other AI-based writing tools, and (3) AI image generators and editors.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

**UHCL’s HSI Identity: Research, Programming, and Initiatives** 10:00-10:50
Georgina Moreno & Angela Kelling, CFD Faculty Fellows, College of Human Sciences & Humanities

This session will include a presentation and discussion of current research, programming, and initiatives addressing UHCL’s identity as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). All are welcome to learn what is being done and what can be done to improve UHCL and plan future collaborations.

**Faculty Scholarship to Improve Higher Education** 2:00-2:50
Each year the Center for Faculty Development presents awards to faculty who publish or present research and scholarship on higher education. Please join in supporting and celebrating last year’s winners as they present their work.

- Christina Cedillo, College of Human Sciences & Humanities
  *Relating our experiences: The practice of positionality stories in student-centered pedagogy*
- Lorie Jacobs, College of Human Sciences & Humanities
  *The five-year job interview: A call for more structure on the tenure line*
- Denise McDonald, Shelia Baker, & Debby Shulsky, College of Education
  *Against the professional odds: Barriers as building blocks for educational advancement*
- Lory Santiago-Vázquez, College of Science & Engineering
  *Rebuild the Academy: Supporting academic mothers during COVID-19 and beyond*
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

**Building our Student’s Support Network in College: ISP Model**
Giazú Enciso Domínguez, College of Human Sciences & Humanities

11:00-11:50

We are going to discuss the ISP Model which introduces us to the idea of building a sense of belonging with our students through our classes. The goal is to connect the student with the Institution, the Professors, and other Students so they develop a support network than can embrace and help them through their college pathways. We start this process in our syllabus, noticing that it is not about changing one word or one visual, but a shift in our pedagogical approaches without sacrificing the content.

**Growing Together: UHCL Staff and Faculty**

3:00-3:50

- Juliana Espinosa, Student Success Librarian
- Johna McClendon, Director of International Admissions and Student Services
- LaToya Mills, Associate Director of Student Advocacy
- Miriam Qumsieh, Associate Director of Institutional Research
- Caye Trahan, Administrative Assistant

Faculty and staff play vital roles in the success and well-being of UHCL. Visit with a panel of staff who will offer insights on their work that cover similarities and differences that may provide possible insight into faculty staff relations, leading to improved partnerships and a stronger community.

Thursday, February 9, 2023

**A Talk with New UHCL Administrators**

9:00-9:50

- Brice Yates, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
- Pamelyn Shefman, Executive Director, Planning & Assessment
- Natalie Pecknold, Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships
- Yolanda Edmond, Associate Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer

Many changes have happened at the university in the past few years and sometimes it’s hard to keep up with all the new faces and new offices. In this session, you will have the opportunity to hear from and talk to some of the new directors and leaders of offices related to faculty development. Meet these new administrators and make connections with them and their offices.

**Faculty Research Support Funds Info Session**

11:30-12:30

In person at the Faculty Club

Lisa White & Erin Haynes, Office of Sponsored Programs

Come learn FRSF basics, ask questions of current reviewers, and find out how the UHCL Writing Center can help you as you write your proposal. New this semester: attendees of the session will be given first choice to sign up for an FRSF Technical Assistance Appointment. Snacks provided, and brown bag lunch is encouraged.

Registration link for this session: [https://uhcl.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fNh8g4dfUIVHue](https://uhcl.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fNh8g4dfUIVHue)
## Instructional Innovation Awards Presentation

1:00-1:50

Each year the Center for Faculty Development presents instructional innovation awards to faculty for their classroom innovations. Please join us in supporting and celebrating last year’s winners as they present their ideas. Come away with inspirations for your own classes or what to submit during next year’s call for awards.

- Giazú Enciso Domínguez, College of Human Sciences & Humanities
  - *Building my unique story*
- Laura Guerrero, College of Business
  - *Viral video assignment*
- Angela Kelling, College of Human Sciences & Humanities
  - *Creating a virtual learning laboratory experience based on student preferences*
- Charuksha Walgama, College of Science & Engineering
  - *Introduction of real-time, real-sample analysis in CHEM 4268 Instrumental Analysis Laboratory Class*

## Friday, February 10, 2023

**Faculty Development Day**

### In Person Mini-Conference

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9:00 – 9:50 UHCL Canvas 101

**Jenni Willis-Opalenik & Aubrie Grass, and the rest of the Instructional Design & Technology Team**

Join members of OIT’s Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) team to learn more about the following: (1) status update and the timeline for the university’s Canvas transition, (2) options for faculty to begin familiarizing themselves with Canvas, and (3) critical differences between Blackboard and Canvas.

10:00-10:50 New Campus Faculty Development Programs

**Leroy Robinson & Robert Bartsch, QEP – Becoming Aware: Cultural Interactions at UHCL**

**Youssef Hamidi, Student Conference for Research & Creative Arts**

**Lisa Jones, Ombudsperson**

This session will update you on several different programs relating to faculty development, including the QEP, the Student Conference for Research & Creative Arts, and the newly created Ombuds position. Each area will give a short presentation leaving time for group and individual questions.

11:00-11:50 Faculty Tips, Tricks, and Hacks

**You, the Faculty**

As a community, we’ll share hints and hacks we have for making our work as faculty a little easier. These ideas will showcase ways to improve our teaching, research, work-life balance, and career development. We’ll finish with an impromptu gallery walk to quickly communicate our ideas. Join us and pick up several different ways for becoming happier and healthier as a faculty member.

12:00-12:50 Lunch & Awards

During lunch we will announce some additional Center for Faculty Development Awards Including the Going to 11 Awards, Milestones for Number of Students Taught, and the College Cup.
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