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IMC Highlights

Expansion of Online Courses & Incentives for Faculty

The IMC and the Western Institute are partners with the faculty in expanding online course offerings at Missouri Western.

Online courses recognize differential opportunities of citizens to access traditionally offered college coursework. Increasing online offerings will assist citizens to prepare for employment with family-sustaining wages, and will help grow the economy.

Funds are available to assist faculty in the development and delivery of online courses:

1. 3 hours of reassigned time, overload or \$2800 in the Summer
2. Netbook if required, and relevant software (e.g., Camtasia, Panopto, Audacity)
3. Workshops and one-on-one support from IMC
4. \$1000 stipend for first delivery of course.

Contact Gordon Mapley at gmapley@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4114 for application.

Spring 2009 SPIF Proposal: \$57,603

- 16 faculty developed new online courses
- Resulted in new Action Project: \$100,000/year for 3 years
- Summer 2009 – 7 additional online courses developed
- Fall 2009 – at least 13 additional online courses developed
- Goal of Action Project: total of at least 100 unique online courses

Online courses will not replace on-site courses. The goal is to provide citizens of the region with additional opportunities to obtain college credits and earn degrees.

Fall 2009 - 47 online sections (37 unique courses) offered

Spring 2010 - 52 to 60 online sections will be offered

One department has put many of its courses online and plans to put two of its majors online in the near future. Other departments are examining the possibility of putting significant portions of their majors online.

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Completed Project

Completed as promised:
The Trading Room, located in Popplewell Hall 308A is designed to orient students in the stock-trading world. It has 14 computers, all with dual-monitors and a 55 inch TV with news and live ticker.



Classroom Services, Cori Criger x5661 criger@missouriwestern.edu

We've added some new items to our growing list of equipment available for check out:



Our new netbooks are the perfect laptop to take with you to off-campus presentations. They're light-weight (3 lbs) and very small (only 11 inches), with a 160GB hard-drive and 1GB of RAM.



The slim external DVD drives will play and burn DVD's and hookup via USB drives. These are ideal for data backup or burning DVD's for classes.



A sleek new speakerphone comes from Polycom called the Soundstation. A wireless version is also available

If you are interested in checking out any of these items, or any of the equipment Classroom Services has available, contact us at 816-271-4395.

Video Services, Cori Criger x5661 criger@missouriwestern.edu

- On October 17th, MWtv debuted "Art Beat", a new program highlighting the cultural community in St. Joseph. We'll bring you theatre, museums, music, activities for kids...and much more! "Art Beat" will air on MWtv, channel 39 via St. Joseph Cablevision and channel 97 via Allegiance Communications in Atchison, KS Check out www.missouriwestern.edu/artbeat for more information!
- To submit story ideas for "Western Reports" and/or "Art Beat", email us at television@missouriwestern.edu
- If you are planning a videoconference, contact Kevin McQuirter at 816-271-5662 or kmcquirter@missouriwestern.edu
- Want to learn how to use Skype? Contact Tara Stoll at 816-271-4171 or stoll@missouriwestern.edu

Web & Multi-Media Services, Cindy Wells x4172 cwells5@missouriwestern.edu

- The next Online Pedagogy workshop is scheduled for December 15, 16, 17 and 18 with a follow up work day on January 7 or 14 if needed. This workshop is designed to increase participant understanding of BlackboardCE 8 (WebCT), assist in the development of an online course, and increase knowledge of online pedagogy and distance learning techniques. All sessions must be attended. All sessions are "hands-on" and participants will be able to have a course completed when all sessions are concluded. Skills will also be gained in other software applications, such as Camtasia/Snagit. At the end of all sessions, participants will receive licenses to install some of the software used in the workshop on their own computers. All sessions will be held in Hearnes 105. Contact Cindy Wells at cwells5@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4172 to reserve your seat as space is limited.
- The IMC will be sponsoring lunch and learn opportunities in November and the spring semester. The first will cover e-Instruction or clickers. Dr. Tom Rachow will demonstrate uses of the clickers and talk about his experiences in the many years using this classroom tool. This will take place on November 6 from 1-2 PM in Hearnes 104. Another L&L opportunity is being planned for November 17 on developing a new online course. This again will be from a faculty perspective. Kay Dickerson will share her journey to taking a traditional course and getting it ready to go online. This session will run from 12:30-1:30 PM. Please watch the faculty list serve for further information.
- Blackboard/WebCT information and tutorials for both faculty and students are available at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/imc/WebCT/faculty.asp>. Please check out this information contact Cindy Wells at cwells5@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4172 if additional help or information is needed.
- Don't forget SafeAssign, a plagiarism checking tool, is available for instructors for use in any of their courses. All that is needed is a few mouse clicks to set up the tool and student work in digital format. These files can either be uploaded by the student or the instructor, depending on course needs. Contact Cindy Wells at cwells5@missouriwestern.edu or 816-271-4172 for more information.