Summer 2010

Development Seminars

Learning Communities (STEM)
June 1, 2010-June 4, 2010, (time and location TBD)
Learning Communities Workshop
This faculty workshop will train teams of faculty interested in teaching learning community courses Fall 2010 that involve STEM courses or courses in a Learning Community with a STEM course. Participants will complete course plans for their learning communities during this 4 day workshop.
Facilitator: Dr. Estela Rojas, Professor of Mathematics, CUNY

Learning Communities (Non-STEM)
June 4, 2010 workshop with follow-up sessions Summer I, Fall 2010, Spring 2011 SWF 225
Pairs of faculty who will teach linked learning communities Fall 2010 will attend the June 4th workshop and follow-up sessions to design their courses for significant learning. Facilitator Dr. Barbara Millis will help faculty plan their learning community course curriculum by utilizing the twelve steps in Dr. Dee Fink’s “Creating Significant Learning Experiences”.
Facilitator: Dr. Barbara Millis, UTSA Director of the Teaching, Excellence, Advancement and Mentoring (TEAM) Center

Blackboard Vista for Face-to-Face Courses
Summer I Thursday Sessions, June 10, June 17, and June 24, 2010 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, IIC, SWF 226
This faculty workshop will aid faculty in creating a Blackboard Vista support for their Fall 2010 courses. Faculty will customize their courses using Blackboard Vista’s on-line tools that complement face-to-face courses.
Facilitator: April Zimmermann, Coordinator of Distance Education, Palo Alto College
Effective Grading and Assessment

July 12, 2010 and July 13, 2010, (9 am – 3:00 pm July 12th, 9 am – 2:30 pm July 13th, SWF 223)
Effective Grading and Assessment: Strategies to Enhance Student Learning and Faculty Satisfaction Workshop
This faculty workshop will give faculty insights on making assignments worth grading, establishing criteria for grading, and making grading more time efficient. Faculty will also learn how grading serves larger assessment purposes.
Facilitator: Dr. Virginia Johnson Anderson, Professor of Biological Sciences, Towson University, and co-author of “Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment”

High School College Alignment Team

July 13, 2010 immediately following the conclusion of the Effective Grading and Assessment Workshop, location TBD
Creating aligned assignments and projects with aligned assessments in English, Math, and Science
This session will build off of the work of the faculty learning circle that has met for the last year to now produce products that will demonstrate alignment and promote smooth transition for students in participating ISDs to college courses in math, English, and science at Palo Alto College
Facilitator: Pat Stone, Director of Instructional Professional Development, Palo Alto College

Security Awareness Training

June 23, 2010 from 2 pm – 3 pm, OZU 121 and July 21, 2010 from 10 am – 11 am, OZU 121
This training is to inform and educate staff, faculty, and students on the importance of computer security within Alamo Colleges. In this course, you will learn about desktop, network, and data security. This training will provide you with the necessary tools for a more secure computer environment both at work and at home.
Facilitator: Christopher Delgado, Coordinator of College Technology
Technology Standards
June 30, 2010 from 2 pm – 3 pm, OZU 121 and July 28, 2010 from 10 am – 11 am, OZU 121
This training is to inform and educate staff, faculty, and students on the technology standards and procedures here at Palo Alto College. In this course, you will learn about the technology we have on campus along with what can be purchased. This training will provide you with the necessary tools for a better understanding of technology supported at Palo Alto College.
Facilitator: Christopher Delgado, Coordinator of College Technology

Franklin Covey Leadership Foundations
Date, Time, and Location (TBD)
Great leaders have the mind-set, skill-set, and tool-set necessary to unleash the highest talent and capability of people against the organization’s most important priorities. This training will introduce you to the Franklin Covey Leadership Foundations model of the “Whole Person Paradigm” and the 4 Imperatives of Great Leaders.
Facilitators: Veronica Rosas-Tatum, Lead Instructor Business Management and Sabrina Carey, Assistant to the President

PAC Faculty Retreat
August 14, 2010 @ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Conference begins in Student Center Annex
If you teach developmental education classes at Palo Alto College, then this day is for you! Connect with your colleagues, share your favorite lesson, and learn about the national trends in developmental education and initiatives that we are engaged in at Palo Alto College. Required SOBI Training (Strategies of Behavioral Intervention) will be offered. Also attend ‘nuts and bolts’ sessions on classroom management, using SMART Classroom Equipment, effective grading and assessment, designing lessons to match student learning preferences, retention strategies, and more!
Facilitators: Palo Alto College Developmental Education leaders, Patty Parma, Sabrina Carey, Pat Stone, and faculty leaders