

## Program for the Enhancement of Teaching Effectiveness Annual Report for 2008-2009

### Summary

PETE had an active year, sponsoring six luncheon programs with an average attendance of 24. Twelve Teaching Enhancement Grants were awarded averaging \$1,255.50, and 4 Course Transformation Grants were fully awarded.

Information on PETE's mission and application guidelines can be found at:

<http://pete.richmond.edu/>

### Committee Members

- Nezih Altay - Business (3rd of 3 yrs., expiring 2009)
- Richard Becker - Music (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2010)
- Kevin Creamer - Director, Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology, Information Services, Coordinator
- Crystal Hoyt - Leadership Studies (3rd of 3 yrs., expiring 2009)
- Jimmy Kandeh - Political Science (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2010)
- Jim Monks - Business (3rd of 3 yrs., expiring 2009); Bob Nicholson will substitute for 1 year
- Emmeline Reeves - Law (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2010)
- Laura Runyen-Janecky - Biology (3rd of 3 yrs., expiring 2009)
- Sharon Scinicariello - MLC (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2010)
- Porcher Taylor - SCS (1st of 3 yrs., expiring 2011)

### PETE Sponsored Luncheons

#### **October 15, 2008:** *Classroom Updates* (23 attendees)

Susan Breeden, Carolyn Burruss, and Kevin Creamer, members of the Classroom Oversight, Coordination, and Implementation Committee, will share the results of summer 2008 classroom renovations in Puryear, Ryland, North Court, Jepson, and the Law School. Discussion will include how rooms are chosen for updates, considerations for different learning spaces, and a look at the preliminary list of summer 2009 classrooms scheduled for renovation. Video archive available: <http://helix.richmond.edu/ramgen/pete/2008/classrooms.rm>

#### **October 22, 2008:** *Using Visualizations to Enhance Learning* (26 attendees)

Kim Klinker, Director of the Spatial Analysis Lab, and Andrew Torget, Director of the Digital Scholarship Lab, will discuss how mapping and visualizations support research, teaching, and learning. Come see examples of data-driven visualizations, learn about Geographic Information Systems technology, and hear about how to get started with visualization in your own work (including the GIS Day event on November 19, 2008). Video archive available: <http://helix.richmond.edu/ramgen/pete/2008/visualization.rm>

#### **November 5, 2008:** *Blackboard, Moodle, and Sakai* (29 attendees)

Blackboard will be upgraded during Winter Break this year. Several new and updated features bring opportunities for teaching and learning. Members of The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology will discuss how you can make the most of the new Blackboard. We'll also demonstrate two alternative learning systems that are available, Moodle and Sakai, and explore how each system can be used to enhance teaching. Video archive available: <http://helix.richmond.edu/ramgen/pete/2008/cms.rm>

**November 19, 2008:** *Connecting Classrooms and Community* (20 attendees)

Scott Johnson and other members of the new Bonner Center for Civic Engagement Faculty Fellows Program will talk about how they engage students through course work in and for the Richmond community. Terry Dolson, manager of community-based learning for the CCE will lead a discussion on how you can connect your content to needs and resources in Richmond.

Video archive available: <http://helix.richmond.edu/ramgen/pete/2008/cce.rm>

**March 19, 2009:** *Covering in the Classroom – One Book, One Campus* (32 attendees)

Join Kenji Yoshino for a discussion of his book, *Covering: The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights*, and its implications for teaching and learning. Unfortunately, due to our agreement with Professor Yoshino's management, an archive video of the March 19 PETE Lunch is not available.

**March 23, 2009:** *Wimba Voice: New Modes for Communications in Classes* (14 attendees)

Why would anyone want to send voice e-mail? This question and others like it will be answered during an introduction to the Wimba Voice Tools that have recently been added to Blackboard. You'll discuss possible uses of voice-based discussion boards. You'll see how to create podcasts easily from within Blackboard. Best of all, you'll see how easy it is to use the Wimba Tools to get your students talking. Boxed lunches will be provided. Video archive available:

<http://helix.richmond.edu/ramgen/pete/2009/wimba.rm>

**Teaching Enhancement Grants**

Tanja Softic	Art & Art History	\$1,860
Melissa Ooten	WILL	\$1,050
Brian Daugherty	History	\$1,050
Jeremy Drummond	Art & Art History	\$1,263
Joe Essid	English	\$1,006
Lee Carleton	English	\$1,005
Aparna Telang	Biology	\$4,000
Jeni Burnette	Psychology	\$625
Emily Boone	Biology	\$938
Myra Daleng	Theatre & Dance	\$499
Jeff Pollack	Psychology	\$950
Elizabeth Turner	Theatre & Dance	\$820

Total Teaching Enhancement Grants awarded: \$15,066

**Course Transformation Grants**

Steven Addiss	Art & Art History	\$3,000
Kim Joyce	Education	\$3,000
Tom Mullen	Journalism	\$3,000
Rosalind Reilly	SCS	\$3,000

Total Course Transformation Grants awarded: \$12,000

Submitted by Kevin Creamer  
Chair, PETE