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IOL 2008 Updates

The 4th annual conference is only a month away. Below are some brief updates for those of you who have not registered yet:

- All IOL 2008 conference sessions will take place at the Radisson Hotel and Suites on Town Lake. A limited number of [rooms are available](#) at the **state rate until May 2, 2008**.
- *The “Introduction to Flash: Creating Interactive Instructional Material” pre-conference workshop* has reached maximum capacity. However, spaces are still available in the other two workshops to be held on May 21. Find out [more information](#).

UTTC Assistant Director Receives Top Honor

We are pleased to announce that Lori McNabb, Assistant Director for Student and Faculty Services, has been chosen by the Faculty of the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Ethics Program in the School of Management and Business at St. Edward’s University as the “Outstanding MSOLE Graduate of 2007.” Lori will be recognized at Honors Night on April 28th at the University. Please join us in congratulating Lori on being honored for her scholastic work!

Connect-ED

UTTC has recently implemented the Connect-ED calling service to allow UTTC staff the ability to contact all students with time-sensitive information, such as registration and semester start. The first call was made on April 2 to remind students about Summer 2008 registration. This call was made to currently enrolled students and 3,283 individual telephone numbers were called. 86% of those calls were successful. UTTC will also use this service to remind students when courses start. A field has been added to student profiles in the TIS (TeleCampus Information System) to allow students to opt out of receiving these phone calls. For more information on Connect-ED, contact Frances Nash at <mailto:fnash@utsystem.edu>.

Dates Set for Fall Faculty Training

The Fall Faculty Training is set for October 9-10, 2008 in Austin. Faculty training is for instructors who are developing courses for first offering within the next year and for which they received funding from UTTC. Invitations will be emailed to faculty at the beginning of the Fall semester. Please mark your calendar for these dates. For more information on faculty training, contact Kathryn Roberts at <mailto:kr Roberts@utsystem.edu>.

Assignment Calculator Directs Students to UTTC Resources Just in Time

Be sure to check out the Assignment Calculator located in the Learning Resources section on the UTTC website at <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/learningresources.aspx>. When a student enters a project or assignment due date, the calculator estimates and recommends completion dates for every step of the assignment. Students are directed to UTTC resources, tutorials, and services that coincide with each step, supporting the student's learning and success. The assignment calculator can be required as part of an assignment or offered to students who might identify their own areas of weakness for which they need extra assistance. We welcome your questions or comments on this tool. Contact Terry Barksdale for information at <mailto:tbarksdale@utsystem.edu>.

Advertising Highlight: Topix

Throughout the year, the Communication Services department conducts complex and selective media buys across various markets to promote UTTC programs. Ads are running across multiple venues at any given time.

This month, UT TeleCampus began an advertising campaign on Topix.com. Topix is a leading news community on the web, connecting visitors through aggregated news and information specific to their region. Their growing audience of 6 million users is an excellent match for promotion of online UT TeleCampus certificate and degree programs. Check in next month for information on our current advertising efforts for nursing and allied health programs.

UTB Offers Unique Course Experience for Summer II

Since 2004, Dr. Dick Cornell, Adjunct Professor Emeritus from the University of Central Florida and Adjunct Professor in UT Brownsville's graduate program in Educational Technology, has taught his *International Technology Issues* course online from his home in Casselberry, Florida. However, this summer, being true to the course title, Dr. Cornell will be teaching from Asia, the very heart of the world's technology action.

The course will be offered in Summer II and will be taught online via asynchronous communication between July 9th and August 9th with voluntary synchronous sessions on July 9th from Peking University in Beijing, on July 16th from the top of the Oriental Pearl Tower in Shanghai, on July 23rd from the site of the Terra Cotta Warriors excavation in Xian, and on July 30th from the Giant Panda Center in Chengdu. Sessions will be archived in the Wimba Live Classroom application inside the course.

If you have students who might be interested in this course as an elective, the full prefix, number and title is EDCI 6336.80: Problems in Education: International Technology Issues. For more information contact Dr. Michael Sullivan at mike.sullivan@utb.edu

Summer Registration for UTTC Courses

TIS (TeleCampus Information System) registration opened on April 2. TIS registration is for students wanting to take a course at a host campus. UT campuses will be offering 122 sections through the TeleCampus this summer. The first course for summer, offered by UTMB, will begin on April 28. For more information on TIS registration, contact Susan Smith at <mailto:ssmith@utsystem.edu>.

Course Evaluations for Spring

The course evaluation period has now begun. The dates for the course evaluations are based on the academic calendar at the host university and are listed on the academic calendar on the UTTC website (<http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/enrollmentservices/academiccalendars.aspx>). Students access course evaluations through the TIS. Students and faculty members receive an email when evaluations for their campus open. For more information on course evaluations, contact Frances Nash at <mailto:fnash@utsystem.edu>.

BALI

The deadline for confirming books for summer 2008 courses has passed and the book list for each campus is accessible from the Enrollment Services area of the UTTC website. If you have not done so already, please login to BALI at <https://apps.telecampus.utsystem.edu/bali/index.aspx> to confirm your course materials for Summer 2008, followed by an email to uttcbookstore@utsystem.edu informing the TeleCampus that you have updated it. Students taking courses for which books have not been confirmed will be directed to contact the faculty directly.

Monthly Help Desk Report

A total of 250 calls were made to our Help Desk, with the average call time being seven minutes, seven seconds. This is in addition to phone calls and emails to which UTTC staff responded. The UTTC Help Desk provides 24/7 support to students, faculty members, and staff members, and can be reached (toll free) at 1-866-321-2988. For more information on the UTTC Help Desk, contact Margie Harris at <mailto:mharris@utsystem.edu>.

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