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Deadline extended for IOL RFPs

Due to numerous requests, the deadline for the Request for Proposals for the 2006 Innovations in Online Learning conference has been extended to January 31, 2006. Please go to the following URL to get information concerning the RFP and remember to turn in your proposal.

<http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1350,82,32,html>

Professional Development Online (PDO) Update

We're pleased to announce that new features have been added to the PDO registration and e-commerce system:

- The catalog now offers a search functionality
- Approved zero dollar registrations now occur in just one step
- Notes can be added to section listings
- Approval requests can now be sorted by date
- Two new options have been added as choices to "How did you learn about this program?"

Information on PDO courses is at <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1323,82,56,html>. If you are interested in listing courses in the PDO registration system, contact Rob Robinson at <mailto:rrobinson@utsystem.edu>.

Spring Course Registration

Registration in the TIS is in full swing. Registration began in mid-October and of the 143 courses that were originally opened in the TIS, 11 have been closed. So far, campus advisors and registrars have approved just over 800 IDEAR forms for the spring semester. Registration in the TIS will continue through the beginning of the spring semester. Thanks, as always to all the campus staff who process TIS registrations. For information on TIS course registration, contact Frances Nash at <mailto:fnash@utsystem.edu>.

New Transcript Report in TIS

A new feature has been added to the TIS to help registrar staff share transcripts of TeleCampus students at the close of each semester. Each registrar's office sends transcripts to students' home campuses within two weeks of grades being posted. Now staff with registrar accounts can easily generate two Excel spreadsheets for each semester. One lists the transcripts they need to send to students' home campuses and the other lists the transcripts they should be receiving for their students taking courses at other institutions. These new reports provide a quick way to generate a list of transcripts to be printed and mailed. For information on the use of this new feature, contact Lori McNabb at <mailto:lmcnabb@utsystem.edu>.

Mark Your Calendar to Attend Spring Faculty Training

The spring Course Development and Instruction Training for faculty will be held Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17 in Austin. Participants will start with a pre-training videoconference on Monday, January 30, and then complete online training before attending the onsite training in Austin. Faculty with TeleCampus course grants are required to participate in training nine to 12 months prior to the first offering of their courses. Training is highly recommended for adjunct faculty who will be teaching through the TeleCampus more than one semester. And, if you haven't come to training within the last three years, we strongly encourage you to attend; we promise your time will be well spent and that you will leave with ideas that will help you when teaching online. Registration and lodging information will be available on the UTTC website soon. Please feel free to contact Lori McNabb at <mailto:lmcnabb@utsystem.edu> for more information.

Fall UTTC Survey Results are in!

The UTTC Survey had over a 12.9 percent response rate this fall. This survey (administered at the middle to end of the semester) is designed for students to evaluate their experiences with learning online via UTTC. Here are a few highlights from this semester's results (full results are attached):

- 87 percent of respondents indicated that their experience with online education was positive (7 percent were neutral).
- 89 percent of respondents indicated that their experience with the UT TeleCampus was positive (7 percent were neutral).

UTTC Participates in Race for the Cure

For the second year, the UT TeleCampus was a sponsor of the Austin Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This year's race had more than 20,000 participants, not to mention the thousands of family and friends in attendance offering their support. On November 6th, we staffed a booth in the exhibitor tent promoting online programs to event participants. Is there an event in your city that you think UTTC should look into? If so, please send information regarding the event/event website to mgalbreath@utsystem.edu for consideration.

Advertising Update

UTTC programs are advertised in the following locations during the month of December. **Please note that some placements are booked year round and will appear each month. For example, we index once for the year with searchable databases.** To make a suggestion, please email Jennifer Rees at jrees@utsystem.edu.

- Alcalde
- Ameriforce Texas Military Relocation Guide
- Degree.net
- Distance-Educator.com
- GetEducated.com
- Google Adwords
- Gradschools.com
- HoustonChronicle.com
- JustColleges.com
- Local NPR (KTEP El Paso, KUT Austin, KSTX / KTXI San Antonio)
- Longhorn Sports Network (UT Austin athletic programs)
- MySA.com
- NewsweekDistanceLearning.com
- Outdoor Signs Billboard – Corsicana, Texas
- Peterson's Distance Learning Guide
- Petersons.com
- Policetraining.net
- Sloan-C.org
- Star-Telegram.com
- TexasMonthly.com
- TexasSports.com
- Tribal College Journal
- Vault.com email sponsorship
- WacoTrib.com
- WashingtonPost.com
- WorldWideLearn.com

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