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Communication Services Department Wins Local Communication Awards

The Communication Services department of the UT TeleCampus was honored with six awards (a combination of Bronze Quills and Awards of Merit) from the Austin Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) at a gala on Tuesday, June 5 in Austin. The department was recognized in the categories of annual reports, special events, PowerPoint presentations, and other graphic design.

IOL Post-conference Wrap Up

The UT TeleCampus hosted the third annual Innovations in Online Learning conference on May 23-25, 2007 to celebrate and spotlight online education innovations developed by faculty and staff of the University of Texas System. Survey responses confirmed another successful year. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a worthwhile event.

Many attendees requested copies of the excellent sessions presented at the conference. Presentations can be found at

<http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,1688,82,32,html#wrap>

TIS Fall Course Registration

Fall registration for students for host campuses opened in the TeleCampus Information System (TIS) on Monday, June 18. The UTTC is planning to offer 189 courses during the fall semester. For information on registration, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

New Financial Aid and Veteran's Affairs Reporting and Tracking Features Added to the TIS

Campus financial aid and veteran's affairs officers can now generate status reports on their students enrolled on other campuses. They may also use the reports to see the enrollment history for each student in each course. Additionally, aid officers are notified by email when students who indicated on their student profiles that they receive a form of aid are enrolled in courses. And, financial aid and veteran's affairs staff receive a nightly email indicating any status changes to enrollments for any student who receives aid. For information on these new reporting and notification features, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

Transcript Reports Added to the TIS for Campus Registrar Staff

Transcript reports are now available to registrar staff in the TeleCampus Information System (TIS). The report generates spreadsheets that can be used to manage UTTC transcripts. One report provides information on transcripts to be sent to other campuses (for hosted students).

The other provides information on transcripts to be received and posted (for home students who took classes at other campuses). For information on these new reports, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

UTTC Adds RefWorks for Faculty and Students to Cite and Manage their Research

The UT TeleCampus has added a very exciting, new service to support faculty and academic students in their research and writing. RefWorks is an online research management, writing, and collaboration tool that students and researchers can use to easily gather, manage, store and share all types of information, as well as generate citations and bibliographies. RefWorks is now available through the Course Tools area of UTTC Blackboard courses. Tutorials for RefWorks are available at www.refworks.com/content/path_learn/content.asp. Contact Terry Barksdale at 512-499-4261 or <mailto:uttclibrary@utsystem.edu> for assistance with RefWorks. Look for more information about how you might integrate this new tool into your course from the Student and Faculty Services team in the fall.

Mark Your Calendars for October 18-19 Faculty Training

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Course Development and Management Training to be held in Austin on October 18 and 19, 2007. Join us to learn the latest on course development and management, as well as UT TeleCampus services and technology including the Blackboard courseware platform. It is recommended that faculty attend training nine to 12 months prior to the first offering of their first course through the TeleCampus. Veteran faculty are always welcome to attend, as are campus course development staff. Information about the agenda, registration, locations, and lodging recommendations will be announced in upcoming newsletter announcements. For additional information, contact Kathryn Roberts at kroberts@utsystem.edu.

Annual Report Inclusion Opportunity

Work will be starting soon on next year's Annual Report. We'll be looking at various projects related to revision and redesign. Do you have a story to share? If yes, please email Jennifer Rees at jrees@utsystem.edu

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