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**UTTC Request for Proposals**

We are pleased to announce that the revised Request for Proposals (RFP) for online courses and programs is now available on the UTTC website at

<http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,595,84,74,html>. Please be sure to read the "Introduction to the RFP Process" before developing your proposal. Note that for the November 15 deadline there will not be an information videoconference. Please contact either Darcy Hardy or Rob Robinson at 512-499-4207 if you have specific questions.

**IOL 2008**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2008 Innovations in Online Learning Conference (IOL) will be held May 21-23, 2005 in Austin, Texas. Below you will find a sneak preview of some of the exciting events that will be a part of the conference. We hope to see you there!

Gary Chapman, Director, The 21st Century Project (<http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/21cp>), LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin; and Rick Baraniuk, Creator, Connexions (<http://cnx.org/>), Rice University have agreed to be the keynote speakers for the conference.

Two pre-conference workshops have been confirmed.

1. Adding Interactions to Your Course. Wednesday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20

This workshop will address adding interactive activities to a course. It will focus on Flash, Respondus, Captivate, StudyMate, and extensions in Dreamweaver, such as Coursebuilder.

These interactions can engage the student in the learning process. It is a good way for the student to do a self-assessment of the material that is to be learned. Participants must bring their own laptop, and enrollment will be limited to 20.

2. Assessing Technology and Student Outcomes. Wednesday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20

The intended audience are faculty who use innovations in technology (both online and other) in their teaching, and staff who support these technologies. This workshop will facilitate participants acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct a best practices technology assessment.

After attending this workshop participants will be able to:

- Understand the technology assessment process
- Plan their own technology assessment
- Choose appropriate data gathering methods
- Use assessment findings to make recommendations

If you'd like to get more information, please go to [www.iolconference.org](http://www.iolconference.org) for updates.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marta Hubbard, Conference Chair, [mhubbard@utsystem.edu](mailto:mhubbard@utsystem.edu) or by phone 512-499-4212.

**IABC Honors UTTC Staff Member with a Silver Quill Award**

Michelle Atkinson, UTTC Senior Communication Specialist, will receive a Silver Quill Award from the *International Association for Business Communicators (IABC)* this month. The award recognizes her design work for IOL 2007 in the category of Promotional or Campaign Materials/Brochures.

Silver Quill Awards are presented by IABC at their annual conference to recognize excellence in communication within a geographic region. IABC/Southern Region is comprised of 27 IABC chapters with members in 15 countries and territories, including the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago chapters, and chapters in 14 U.S. states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The awards honor the best combination of words, creative concepts and strategic thinking in communications.

### **Fall Faculty Training**

Course development and management training for faculty will be held later this month.

Registration is closed. UTTC is expecting almost 50 participants in our largest training ever. We apologize to those of you we were unable to accommodate this time. We will announce the dates of the spring training in the Communiqué before the end of the fall semester. For information on faculty training, contact Kathryn Roberts at <mailto:kr Roberts@utsystem.edu>.

### **Spring TIS Registration will Open October 25**

UTTC has postponed the opening of Spring TIS registration until Thursday, October 25 to be more in line with spring registration at UT institution calendars. Students use the TIS to register for courses offered through UTTC by a campus other than their home campus (the campus at which they are pursuing a degree). For information on TeleCampus Information System (TIS) course registration, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

### **Fall 2007 Enrollment**

For fall 2007, UT campuses have 175 courses and 189 Blackboard sections being offered through UTTC. Campuses have assigned 139 faculty members to teach via UTTC. Enrollment for fall 2007 is 5,005. The programs with the largest enrollments are GenEd (981), Criminology and Criminal Justice (895), MBA (532), Alternative Teacher Certification (325), Literacy Studies (277), Kinesiology (256), and Public Administration (209). The campuses with the largest enrollments are UT Arlington (1,319), UT El Paso (994), UT Brownsville (866) and UT Permian Basin (862). The largest course has 101 students and the smallest has two students.

Enrollments are based upon institutions' census day enrollments, using the enrollment records in the TIS. For more information on UTTC enrollment data, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

### **2006-2007 Course Completion**

During the 2006-2007 school year, there were 11,703 enrollments through UTTC. Of these enrollments, 90% completed the course and 82% completed the course successfully. Graduate enrollments totaled 5,133 with 92% completing the course and 90% completing the course successfully. Undergraduate enrollments totaled 6,570 with 88% completion and 76% successful completion. Enrollments are based upon institutions' census day enrollments. Completion rates are based upon the number of students who received grades (including incompletes), minus those who received withdrawal grades. Successful completion is grade of C or better for graduate and D or better for undergraduate courses. For more information on course completion data, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

### **SafeAssignment vs. SafeAssign in Blackboard**

SafeAssignment, the plagiarism detection service UTTC has used for several years, has been licensed by Blackboard. Blackboard is now the sole licensee of the service, which has been renamed SafeAssign. Because the transition from SafeAssignment to SafeAssign requires a Blackboard system outage, UTTC will not make the transition to SafeAssign until the winter break. Those of you who use the service should not see much difference between the two. Our

initial testing has indicated that there are cosmetic changes to the interface, but the functionality is the same. As a reminder, Blackboard has also licensed Re:Mark, which is also on the UTTC Blackboard installation, but has discontinued the service. As it is no longer being supported, we ask that you do not use it. For information on using the SafeAssignment plagiarism detection or for questions on the transition to the new product, contact Student and Faculty Services at <mailto:telecampus@utsystem.edu>.

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