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Emergency Preparedness

Integrate Academic Continuity Procedures in Your Teaching



By making preparations for emergencies now—which may include plans in case of natural disasters, severe weather, extended sicknesses or epidemics, security threats, and roadway or service outages—you can help ensure academic continuity in your teaching before a situation requires you to work off-campus.

We suggest having emergency preparedness procedures in place ahead of time for students to contribute to normal classroom-based activities. Review our documentation at itsinfo.tamu.edu/ep about how to use teaching tools such as the eLearning (Blackboard Vista) learning management system, Camtasia, Centra, and Turnitin to stay in contact with your students and facilitate learning. Learn more about the tools that Texas A&M Information Technology provides to maintain communications and productivity at it.tamu.edu/Work_from_Home_Resources.php.

We have also scheduled additional training sessions this semester geared toward academic continuity; sign up at itsinfo.tamu.edu/training. Contact us today at elarning@tamu.edu or (979) 458-3417 for details.

**Call for Proposals for the 2010 Teaching
with Technology Conference on Back**

A No-Cost Learning and Networking Event!

Thursday, October 22
8:50 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
204E Evans Library

Discover best practices in teaching and learning as you learn how the Texas A&M teaching community is using instructional technology at the fifth annual 2009 Instructional Technology Showcase.

Educators from throughout campus will present 20-minute sessions covering individual software applications, technology concepts, and innovative methods for enhancing student learning. There is no cost to attend the Showcase, but we encourage attendees to register to allow for better event planning. Registered attendees will be served a boxed lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Visit itsinfo.tamu.edu/showcase to view the preliminary program, watch podcasts of sessions from last year, and find links to the upcoming Centra webconference if you cannot attend the event in person.



Call for Proposals for the 2010 Teaching with Technology Conference

A Texas A&M University Systemwide Event

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO FACULTY

Instructional Technology Services (ITS) at Texas A&M University is pleased to announce a call for proposals for our annual Teaching with Technology Conference. 2010 marks the sixth year we will coordinate the Conference and the third year we continue to expand the event to the entire Texas A&M University System.

The theme this year is “Authentic, Engaging Education,” which highlights the transition we are experiencing in higher education to become more connected with students and the ways they interact with technology in their daily lives. We openly encourage anyone interested—including students—to both submit presentation proposals and attend the event.

We request your participation to make this year’s Conference yet another successful learning and networking event. As a presenter, you will be able to share your academic knowledge and professional experience with colleagues, demonstrate innovative teaching and learning methods, and help advance technology-enhanced instruction in higher education. Please consider the following presentation topics as suggested areas in which you can submit a proposal:

- **enriching course experiences through technology-enhanced instruction**
- **sharing ideas and techniques to enhance student learning**
- **using learning management systems, such as Blackboard Vista, to facilitate teaching and learning**
- **designing, delivering, and assessing effective instructional design for distance or hybrid courses**

The due date for proposals is **Friday, November 13, 2009**. Visit the Conference webpage at itsinfo.tamu.edu/twtc and click the “Proposals” link to submit the short information form. Please make your presentation description as specific as possible so that we can best schedule the Conference program to benefit all the presenters and attendees. We will email acceptance notifications by Friday, December 11.

The Conference will span a day and a half and will be held **February 10-11, 2010**, in Rudder Tower in College Station, Texas. There is no cost to attend the Conference, but attendees are encouraged to register now to allow for better event planning. Registered attendees will be served meals on both days.

For additional, up-to-date information about the event, visit the Conference webpage at itsinfo.tamu.edu/twtc. We look forward to seeing you there!

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