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Roundtable Discussion (50 min)

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Scottie's Angels on ANGEL -- Easy Ways to Get Started
The ANGEL Learning Management System is available to all New River instructors and can be beneficial to any type of class -- traditional lecture, lab, web-enhanced, IVN or online. The panelists in this session will discuss and demonstrate techniques and “best practices” that they have each used during their first semester of implementation with ANGEL. Comparing and contrasting with WebCT may also be helpful for those having WebCT experience.

Session Chair: Harry Faulk

Interactive Demonstration (50 min)

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Instructional Design in ANGEL
This spring, New River implemented a new Learning Mangement system, ANGEL, and it provides a powerful online tool for helping students to learn. Instructional design is the systematic development of instruction by using learning and instructional research and theories, as well as established best practices, to ensure the quality of course materials. The purpose of this workshop is to give ANGEL users a working knowledge of instructional design, and the ability to apply that design to the courses they're developing in ANGEL.

Session Chair: Nick Bassett
Recognizing the Gift: New Media and Learning for the 21st Century

When we think of technology, we typically think of hardware and software, as well as the frantic pace of change. Yet there are bigger and more essential thoughts we must have, beginning with the recognition of how new media represent opportunities for modes of learning, communication, and creativity that can transform education and the world education helps to shape. Dr. Campbell will explore the nature of new media and its implications for learning. He will also explore some common obstacles that prevent us from recognizing the gift for what it is.

Session Chair: David J. Ayersman

Banner 8: Reviewing Changes to Web Self-Service and Banner Screens

New River will be upgrading from Banner 7.x to Banner 8.x in June 2010. This session will provide access to Banner 8 using the New River TEST system to review common tasks that are now done using Web Self-Service as well as by logging directly into Banner. Key changes will be reviewed and discussed.

Session Chair: Patricia Harmon
The iPad and Deciphering the Course Schedule Information

Recently released by Apple, the iPad is an innovative device similar to the iPhone but larger like a tablet PC. It is not quite a laptop, since a number of commonly used applications won’t yet work with it (Microsoft Office). But the design is intriguing and many educators are now wondering about the educational applications for the device. What does it look like? How does it feel and operate? We’ll have one available during this session that will be showcased and then passed around so that everyone can have some brief hands-on with it. To showcase the iPad we’ll spend some time browsing New River web sites, viewing pictures of New River locations and people, and exploring some of the other features that it offers. Some particular emphasis will be on accessing the New River course schedule information to gain a better understanding of the power inherent to sorting, queries, and complex queries inherent to the online schedule that uses data dynamically imported from SCT Banner.

Session Chair: Caroline Gainer

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Room: Atrium
1200-1230

Lunch

Session Chair: Amanda Kincaid
Hands On Custom Animation Workshop

For the previous couple of years the capabilities of utilizing Microsoft Office suite to add custom animations to PowerPoint presentations has been discussed. At first glance, preparing custom animations appears daunting; however, with time, patience, imagination, and some knowledge of PowerPoint, the participants in this workshop should be able to begin learning how to design custom animations for their presentations. The moderator will offer a short circa 15-20 minute PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate some of the capacities of Microsoft Office PowerPoint. Participants to this workshop will be shown some of the controls of Microsoft Office PowerPoint in order to assemble simple animations to enliven PowerPoint presentations. The remainder of the workshop will be devoted to showing each student how to prepare custom animations.

Session Chair: Joycie Wawiye

Software Demonstration (20 min)

How Long Will it Take To Double Your Money?

You have just won the lottery (a small one!) and you want to take a trip around the world. However, in order pay for such a trip, you need twice as much money as the amount you’ve won. How long will it take you to double your money? to triple it? In this session we will explore these questions and others using a TI-84 Silver Plus Graphing calculator. We will provide calculators for those attending so that everyone can participate, but they must be returned at the end of the session.

Session Chair: Amanda Kincaid
Learning From Our Mistakes in Online Education Delivery

Online delivery has become increasingly popular in every area of education and this trend is certain to continue. While we would all agree that online delivery has both supporters and detractors, E-learning has been discussed, dissected, implemented, and evaluated by many New River Community and Technical College faculty. Those of us who have taught in this genre have had our share of successes and even some failures. We have heard many success stories, and hope to hear of many more. The purpose of this discussion is to learn from ideas that did not work well when implemented in online courses. In evaluating these ideas, and the reasons behind their lack of success, our goal is to discover better ways of engaging students in online learning to be implemented in future courses.

Session Chair: Roger Griffith

Understanding the LPN Program: Building on the Pre-Requisites

The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program is a highly structured curriculum that systematically builds on the general education and other prerequisite courses. This session will provide an overview of this curriculum, the relationship to other courses, and will forecast delivery format changes that will address IVN and web-based modalities. Challenges of offering this program at a multi-campus institution will be discussed.

Session Chair: Carolyn Sizemore
Analyzing Wimba Tools: A Product Overview and Explanation

Wimba Classroom is a live virtual classroom environment with robust features that include audio, video, application sharing, and content display. Those features can also be utilized to provide a platform for online business and faculty meetings and to provide online office hours. The interactive workshop is designed to provide users the skills to get started using Wimba and conduct their own virtual meetings and office hours.

Session Chair: David J. Ayersman
Thanks and Recognition

Every year it is a challenge to organize the Faculty Academy since it involves so many of our instructors as well as the behind-the-scenes logistics. But every year, members of our faculty help to meet this challenge by offering to do presentations or chair sessions or almost anything else that we ask of them. I’m grateful to you for this. Your willingness to share with others your teaching experiences and the “can do” attitude that you display are admirable traits. I enjoy working in such an environment and with such people. I should also mention that every year it is a joy to participate in the Academy and to see what exciting things our instructors are doing in the classroom. You are the exemplars for others. And you are helping to make New River a better place.

Amanda Kincaid also deserves our thanks and recognition for providing the name badges, gifts, meals and generally helping with all the logistics. Barbara Elliot deserves thanks for helping to publish the printed Proceedings and the Call for Proposals and for helping to promote the event through news releases.

And of course Dr. Spring and Dr. Faulk, who wholeheartedly support the concept and the event, deserve our thanks as well.

I hope that you find Faculty Academy 2010 to be a rewarding experience. And I already look forward to seeing you again at the 2011 event.

Sincerely,

Dr. David J. Ayersman, Chief Information Officer
New River Community and Technical College