Teaching Well Using Technology

On Friday June 8, UW-La Crosse will host a special day-long workshop for faculty and instructional academic staff called “Teaching Well Using Technology” presented by Barbara Walvoord and Kevin Barry of the University of Notre Dame. They describe the workshop as follows:

This workshop follows a seven step course planning process that will help faculty plan and design courses that use appropriate technology for student learning. This is NOT a hands-on workshop to learn how to use Powerpoint or a listserv or chat. Rather it is the workshop you should take BEFORE you decide WHETHER to put your notes on Powerpoint or get your students on a listserv or chat. We will discuss what makes good pedagogy in general, what technologies are available along with their strengths and weaknesses, and how to put it all together, using the available times, spaces and technologies for the maximum learning. The workshop will be relevant to those who have not yet used any technology beyond perhaps the overhead projector or the VCR, as well as for those on the cutting edge of new technology. We define educational technology as any human-made instrument intended to aid the learning process, including chalk as well as the newest computer-based simulations. The teacher’s task is to select the best technologies for his or her students, learning goals, time, preferences and available resources. This workshop helps teachers plan courses in a highly practical way.

Barbara Walvoord is a professor of English and Director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Notre Dame. In 2000, she received the Presidential Award from the University of Notre Dame. She was elected a national Danforth Fellow in 1979 for excellence in teaching and commitment to values. Named Maryland English Teacher of the Year for Higher Education in 1987, Walvoord has taught undergraduate and graduate students for more than 20 years. Her books and articles report her research on writing, teaching, and learning in academic settings across disciplines, and the suggest classroom-based approaches to assessment.

Kevin Barry is an Assistant Director for the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning and a concurrent lecturer in the Alliance for Catholic Education M.Ed. program. As assistant director of the Kaneb Center he helps faculty members and TAs choose and implement technology to enhance teaching and learning. He is also involved in the development of technology based curriculum resources and the design of teaching and learning spaces. Kevin has been helping faculty use technology effectively for more than 10 years.

Time: Friday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included.

Location: Room 259 Cartwright Center

Enrollment is limited to the first 40 individuals who register.

To register contact Susan Butterfield in the Provost’s Office, butterfi.susa@uw lax.edu or 785-8007.

For questions about the workshop contact Bill Cerbin, cerbin.will@uw lax.edu or 785-6881.