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CITations is a report featuring information technology-related news of interest to UNC-Chapel Hill faculty members, graduate instructors and the staff who support them. *CITations*, published twice a month, is an electronic service of the ITS Teaching and Learning division.

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ITS RECOMMENDS CLICKER SYSTEM

In April 2007, ITS Teaching and Learning announced the recommendation of a standard clicker system for UNC-Chapel Hill. The decision to select eInstruction's Classroom Performance System (CPS) was the result of the extensive evaluation of a number of systems and consultations with faculty and student government representatives. ITS recommendations for technology systems are just that -- recommendations. To date, however, all orders placed by instructors in the College of Arts and Sciences have been for the ITS recommended system, CPS.

To read more about the recommendation, go to http://its.unc.edu/news/2007/08/17/its-recommended-clicker-system-supported/.

"CLICKERS" WORKSHOP

Class response systems make it easy for instructors to poll students during class through the use of remote control-like devices popularly referred to as clickers. Using clickers effectively hinges on asking the right questions at the right time. (For example, you can assess how well students in your class understand a concept you're teaching so you know whether to continue to the next class topic or to reinforce the concept.)

LearnIT is offering a workshop on clickers. Instructors, teaching assistants, and support staff can join colleagues for a hands-on exploration of these questions:

- -- Why are some instructors using them?
- -- What do students have to say about them?
- -- Are they a good fit for the classes that you teach and for you as an instructor?
- -- How can you use them effectively?

There are no prerequisites for this LearnIT workshop.

When: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Where: 034 House Undergrad Library

To register, go to http://learnit.unc.edu/workshops and click on the workshop's link.

WORKSHOP ON USING INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

The Center for Teaching and Learning and ITS Teaching and Learning are offering a workshop "Instructional Technology Resources for Your Course." This guided tour will help you to navigate the wide variety of campus resources available to instructors, including instructional tools for use inside and outside of the classroom, library resources, resources for creating your own course materials, and campus IT support services.

When: 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 28

Where: RB House Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Register online at http://ctl.unc.edu/cal.html or contact CTL at 966-1289.

DAVIS LIBRARY'S WI-FI ACCESS BOOSTED

Originally, Davis Library had eight wireless access points to cover the building's "high usage" areas. This semester wi-fi users should have no difficulty getting network access anywhere in the building. Today, the entire eight-story library is considered "high usage" and a total of 99 wireless access points now provide omnipresent wireless coverage.

To read more about this project, go to http://its.unc.edu/news/2007/08/15/libraries_wireless/.

WEB-BASED TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education is recruiting faculty and advanced graduate students to develop and teach Web-based courses for our popular Carolina Courses Online (CCO) program and our Self-paced Courses (SPC) program. New CCO courses can open in the spring, summer, or fall of 2008-2009 and would continue for a minimum of three semesters. New SPC courses can start at any time since students are not on the semester schedule; they enroll for a nine-month period and work independently at their own pace on course materials with feedback from the instructor.

Faculty receive a stipend for developing and teaching a course as well as substantial assistance from our instructional design staff, who will convert campus course materials or new courses into interactive, web-based instruction. Department chairs must approve the faculty or graduate students who teach in the programs, their course proposals, and the final course Web pages.

We are looking for courses that fulfill General College or Arts and Sciences perspectives, or any popular course in which students have difficulty enrolling. Upper-level courses that satisfy the Arts and Sciences Philosophical and Aesthetic Perspectives along with courses from the professional schools which are required for majors or professionals in the field are also good. Check our website (http://fridaycenter.unc.edu/cp) to see the current range of CCO and SPC courses; proposals for courses that add to this variety are especially welcome. Courses at the graduate level are also welcome. A minimum of six students is necessary for the CCO courses to run each semester and enrollment is capped at twenty-five.

Our mission for distance learning courses is to meet the needs and goals of the non-traditional student who cannot get to campus on a regular basis, but we also help departments and students on campus by alleviating the demand for popular, filled-to-capacity courses, and by administering and covering the costs of the program.

For details, please contact Judith Benowitz at 962-6302 or benowitz@email.unc.edu.

ITS LEARNIT WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available in the following LearnIT workshops. To read a workshop description or to register for any of these workshops, go to http://learnit.unc.edu/workshops. For links to other campus training opportunities, go to the LearnIT website.

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

KMT: Introduction to DocBook XML

September 5

KMT: Editing DocBook with XXE

September 11

Class Response Systems: Introduction to Clickers

September 19

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started

September 26

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed about technology conferences with the CIT's "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at http://its.unc.edu/tl/guides/irg-37.php and "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events." The calendar is at http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/.

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March 9 & 23

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

June 8 & 22

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14

CITations welcomes announcements from all UNC-Chapel Hill campus organizations involved in instructional and research technology. To have an announcement considered for publication in *CITations*, send email to Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu, or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is 11:00 a.m. the day before the

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