Introduction

Welcome to the second edition of Academic News & Insights! This issue’s main feature is the Faculty Development Showcase.

The original subscription plan for Academic News & Insights was to have everyone voluntarily subscribe after the first issue was sent out. Thank you to those who did take the time to subscribe; however, most were too busy to do it…including us! So, we now have a new subscription strategy: all faculty are now subscribed. Those who do not want to receive this newsletter may opt out here. We encourage staff and others to subscribe! Thank you!

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Announcements
New LLU WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy Alums

W. K. Nelson, MD and Rashid Mosavin, RPh, PhD

Congratulations to Ken Nelson, Office of Educational Effectiveness, and Rashid Mosavin, School of Pharmacy, who just completed the WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy (ALA), a 10-month program. To date, seven LLU faculty have completed this excellent program.

The application deadline for the WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy Application is Feb. 15, 2018. Please click here for more information.

Assessment Learning Opportunity

The WASC Senior College and University Commission's 2018 Academic Resource Conference is right around the corner: April 25 – 27, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, CA. Learn more here and register soon!

Introducing 2018 Professional Development Webinars

LLU is launching on-demand Magna Publication webinars for all online and face-to-face faculty. Each month the University will select two of the one-hour webinars for faculty to view together via Zoom and face-to-face and will be followed with a 30-minute discussion. Schools and programs may also use the webinars for their faculty in creative ways in addition to faculty watching them at their convenience. Check out the schedule and start building your teaching skills!

Watermark Conference

Watermark (formerly LiveText) Conference is June 19-22, 2018 and registration is open. For more information, click here.
Faculty Development Showcase - February 6-9, 2018

We are pleased to welcome you to the Faculty Development Showcase 2018, to be held February 6-9 in the Centennial Complex. The event has been a tradition at LLU since 1992. The theme of this year’s showcase is “Lessons from the Science of Learning.” The showcase features a 5 pm Thursday plenary address, given by James Lang, author of the ground-breaking 2016 publication, “Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning. Dr. Lang will be with us through Skype for his live presentation. On Thursday evening we will also present the 2018 Kinzer Rice Award for Excellence in University Teaching at the poster session reception.

Dr. Terrence Doyle will be the speaker at the Friday morning workshop this year. He will address the conference theme by speaking on the topic of his latest book, “Lessons from the Science of Learning.” “Terry is an outstanding presenter—you can’t help but leave his sessions with lots of readily usable ideas to apply to your teaching.”

The showcase runs Tuesday through Friday—the day begins at 9 am. Don’t miss the book signing opportunity on Thursday evening (Authors: Lang, Doyle, and Rice)! Continuing education units are available for nearly all of the health professions. This is a free event, sponsored by the University Faculty Council, the Provost’s office, and each of the university schools. This event happens only once every two years so be sure to attend this year’s outstanding showcase.

In order to get continuing education credits and meals at the conference, you must register. The full program and invitation was sent out earlier today. If you did not receive an invitation to register, please email grice@llu.edu for your personalized invitation. For more information and the schedule, click here.
The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

-William A. Ward

**INSIGHTS**

**Assessment and My Subaru**

In our everyday lives, we use our assessment skills regularly. Read on to learn how one faculty member uses data from her high-tech Subaru to improve gas mileage and how even more appropriate it is to use assessment in education to make data-driven decisions and assure student success! Click [HERE](mailto:alipoon@llu.edu) to read Dr. Alipoon's blog.
Please email assessment@llu.edu to suggest any information to be included regarding your department. Submissions are subject to approval from your dean and must be 100 words or fewer and include contact information.