

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: Mid-term feedback, last call for "peer to peer coaching" program

Date: Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

Dear faculty,

Week 4 or 5 of the semester is a good time for a mid-term student feedback activity. You know how the student ratings at the end of the semester don't give detailed guidance for how to make the class better? A mid-term feedback activity *can* give that guidance. See [simple steps for gathering useful feedback](#).

Here's the final call for a special program, new this year: [2022-2023 Faculty Peer-to-Peer Reciprocal Coaching Program](#): Peer-to-peer reciprocal coaching is a systematic method for faculty to work in partnership to use new teaching skills and/or hone basic skills into sophisticated praxis. Limited to 30 participants. See the [program description](#) for details and application link (application due Sept. 25, 11:59pm).

Take care,

Victoria

P.S. Last week's note about supporting students who have to be temporarily absent resulted in a couple of good ideas shared back:

- Microsoft Teams (login with CPP credentials) has Class Notebook for private, shared, or collaborative notes, plus homework, assignments, and quizzes. Courses are automatically provisioned.
- I build my bisynchronous classes as though they are fully asynchronous. I offer in-class exercises as part of regular graded materials, scaling so that achieving an "A" requires a certain level of this participation. (*Note from Victoria* -- This class has learning outcomes for which real-time, verbal participation contributes significantly and directly.)

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### **Effective, Efficient, and Enjoyable Teaching:**

- ["Small Teaching Strategies, Important Learning Gains" Series](#): Learn practical, research-based strategies that are quickly and easily adoptable. All sessions held via Zoom. [Register for one or attend all!](#)
  - Thursday Sept. 22, 12:00-1:5pm: Gather & use mid-semester student feedback
  - Tuesday Oct. 25, 12:00-1:15pm: Exam wrappers & revision memos
  - Tuesday Nov. 15, 12:00-1:15pm: Connections, practice, and explanations
  - Thursday Dec. 1, 12:00-1:15pm: Summing up and preparing for finals
- [The Fearless Classroom 2.0](#):

- Tuesday Oct. 28, 12:00-2:00pm, via Zoom: Follow up on the award-winning "[Fearless Classroom](#)" workshops originated by Ron Heimler. Learn more about the research underlying equitable classroom practices that lead to psychological safety, and take your strategies to a deeper level. [Please register](#) for the link.
- **LAST CALL: [2022-2023 Faculty Peer-to-Peer Reciprocal Coaching Program](#):** Peer-to-peer reciprocal coaching is a systematic method for faculty to work in partnership to use new teaching skills and/or hone basic skills into sophisticated praxis. Limited to 30 participants. See the [program description](#) for details and application link.
- **[Fall 2022 Improving online and hybrid teaching courses from the Chancellor's Office](#):** A variety of multi-week courses based on the Quality Teaching & Learning and Quality Matters frameworks; certificates of completion offered. These robust experiences address significant course design and delivery practices. One course per faculty member is allowed; limited spots available. See [OCS Professional Development Courses](#) for details and to register.

### Research, Scholarship, & Career Support:

- **[Building a Publishing Pipeline: Increase Your Writing Productivity](#):** Friday Oct. 7, 9am-12pm, in person only. [Register for more info and location](#). Facilitated by Dr. Rosemarie Roberts, Connecticut College.
- **[Solo Success: Thriving When You're the Only \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_ in Your Department](#):** Friday Oct. 21, 9am-12pm, in person only. [Register for more info and location](#). Facilitated by Dr. Carlita Favero, Ursinus University.
- **"Everybody's Mentor"**: Lisa Kessler, CAFE faculty associate and retired interim Dean of Agriculture, provides individual, confidential consultation and coaching. Email [Lisa](#) directly to set up an appointment.
- **[The "CAFE Creates" Writing Group: Fall Semester Wednesdays, 9am-11am](#)**. Contact [Amy Dao](#) or [Erica Morales](#) for more information and to join.

### Technology:

#### [The End of Blackboard](#)

**Cal Poly Pomona's contract with Blackboard ends June 2023. After that time, no one will be able to get data from Blackboard.** Faculty will need to "harvest" any materials and information you want to have access to. Neither CAFE nor IT&IP will be able to provide individual support (i.e. we can't do it for you). See our [Transitioning from Blackboard](#) site for more information, tutorials, and sessions.

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