

To: CPP Faculty

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Subject: Checking in with students; "Increase Your Writing Productivity," and first call for 2023 Wall of COOL nominations

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Dear faculty,

Following up on my suggestion last week about mid-term feedback -- in the next couple of weeks you might ask students how they are personally. Here's a systematic way that doesn't put anyone on the spot and does not set unreasonable expectations for your response. Give a quick survey via Canvas or on paper in class:

- How are you personally? 5 = doing great, no worries; 4 = okay, hanging in there; 3 = neutral, could go either way; 2 = pretty stressed; 1 = really struggling, need help
- What, if anything, would you like to tell me about what's happening?
- If you would like me to follow up personally with you, please give your name.

It *might* be a good idea to summarize results for the class in very general terms, because "not feeling alone" is often helpful. This requires a judgement call because if only one or two students are struggling, you don't want to highlight the fact! In any case, if a student needs follow-up, help them get in touch with [appropriate campus resources](#); DON'T deal with crises yourself. Give whole-class reminders about campus resources such as [Broncos Care](#). I've done this for several semesters; students always appreciate it, and it's not a huge amount of effort.

Here's something because there's more to faculty life than teaching! This is a VERY special upcoming event, an in-person workshop from the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity: [Building a Publishing Pipeline: Increase Your Writing Productivity: Friday Oct. 7, 9am-12pm, in person only. Register for more info and location.](#) This dynamic workshop will help you to write more, write more easily, and be more satisfied with your progress. You'll also meet lots of other scholars (from other CSUs, too!) to share ideas with. **Who should come?** All faculty and many graduate students!

Take care,

Victoria

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

- [The Fearless Classroom](#): Friday Oct. 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm, via Zoom: The award-winning Fearless Classroom program is based on the concepts of psychological safety and non-violent communication. More than 40 CPP faculty from disciplines around the campus have used the strategies to engage their students. [Please register](#) for the link.

- **[The Fearless Classroom 2.0](#)**: Friday Oct. 28, 12:00-2:00pm, via Zoom: Follow up to the award-winning "[Fearless Classroom](#)" workshop! 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.
- **["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!](#)
  - Tuesday Oct. 18, 12:00-1:15pm: Exam wrappers & revision memos – note change of date from Oct. 25 on this one!
  - Tuesday Nov. 15, 12:00-1:15pm: Connections, practice, and explanations
  - Thursday Dec. 1, 12:00-1:15pm: Summing up and preparing for finals
- **[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.

### **[Nominate your class for the Wall of COOL!](#)**

We're inviting nominations for the [2023 Wall of COOL!](#) This light-hearted (but not light-weight!) award from CAFE recognizes excellent courses that effectively use technology to enhance student learning and success. [Nominations](#) are due **October 16**.

### **[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.

### **[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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