To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
Subject: Warm-up drill tip; conversations about grading
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Dear faculty,

Going old school today with "warm-up drills." This is a trick from middle school, but still useful for college courses, even very advanced ones.

Simply put a question or short problem on the board and use the first five minutes of class for the students to do it. The key is, the ***students*** have to do it – not you! You might give the answer at the end so they can check their work, but don't give into pleas to solve it. You can offer a nano-dot of extra credit if you like.

Warm-up drills force "retrieval practice," or remembering material from a while back and re-applying it. You can use material from the previous class, or go all the way back to Day 1. You can even do a warm-up on your syllabus content if you find that students aren't using the syllabus productively!

Warm-ups do require a bit of preparation and class time, yes, but the payoff is big.

Take care,

Victoria

PS: CAFE still has capacity to do Espresso Reviews. Two trained CAFE staff will use the QLT rubric to give you totally non-evaluative feedback. The turnaround time is quick! Request an Espresso Review.

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Career & Community:

- ***"CISA" Workshop for Supporting Colleagues:*** **Friday April 25, 10:00am – 2:00pm, with lunch. In person.** Bringing new personnel to CPP is a huge investment of both effort and funding. Helping new colleagues to succeed and thrive is an important way to leverage that investment. This interactive workshop is based on the NSF-funded CSU Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate's *Culturally Informed Strengths Approach* (CISA)

to faculty success. Learn more and register by April 11; we can accommodate up to 20 participants.

- ***Parenting Student Allyship Training*:** **Thursday March 6, 2:00—4:00pm, via Zoom.** Get information and resources to serve as an Ally to students at CPP who are parents! This session includes a panel of Parenting Students as well as information from CAPS and others who provide services. Please register.
- ***Parenting Faculty lunch*:** **Tuesday March 11, 11:30am – 12:45pm** (but come as you can and leave when you need to). Centerpointe Dining Hall, Room 110. If you consider yourself a parent, you are one! Stephanie Perez Beaudion (KHP) will speak about the effects of physical activity on quality of life of mothers in faculty roles. Children are welcome and paid for. Spouses are welcome but must pay at the door. Space is limited to 30. For questions, please contact Julie Shen. Please register.
- ***Save the date!*:** **Faculty Day 2025 is Thursday April 17, 11:30am – 1:00pm!** Faculty Day is a long-standing tradition when all CPP faculty -- full-time, part-time, retired, new, and all in between -- are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues. We're thankful to the Pace Setters group for helping to sponsor Faculty Day 2025! More info & rsvp link coming soon.

Teaching Nuts & Bolts:

- ***Multimedia Learning Objects!*** These custom-designed interactive learning tools bring abstract concepts to life and help students to practice hands-on skills. One faculty member said, "I have seen a drastic jump in the grade [after having this MLO]." **CAFE's multimedia developers will have capacity to take on new project requests in April.** Mark your calendar to submit a request!
- ***Let's talk about grading!*:** **Tuesday March 11, 12:00 – 12:50pm.** An informal discussion to share ideas and strategies about different grading approaches such as specifications grading, contract grading, ungrading, and anything else. Hopefully this can be the start of a loosely organized community of practice. Please register.
- ***Building Community in the Classroom*:** **Fridays March 14 & 21, 9:00am – 4:00pm**. Increase student engagement and foster "Learn By Doing" participation with strategies for decision-making, relationship management, self-awareness, social awareness, and self-management. Presented by Dr. Sharonda Bishop (CBA), Dr. Kristen Conway-Gomez (GEO/ANT), Dr. Andrea Metzer (KHP), and non-profit partner Calibrate©. Funded by SPICE, the first 20 faculty are eligible for a $300 stipend by attending both days. For more information contact Sharonda Bishop.

Teacher-Scholar:

- ***Digital Humanities Consortium Scicom Toolbox*:** This online learning community created by Denisse Vasquez-Guevara (Communication) offers research-based science communication tools for public engagement with non-expert audiences from diverse cultures and backgrounds. 20 spots are available for the self-guided, 2-month workshop and YouTube channel. Please apply!

Friends of CAFE:

- ***Innovation Hub Tour*:** **Friday Feb. 28, 10:00 – 11:00am, Community Innovation Hub in Downtown Pomona (101 W. Mission Blvd. STE 111, Pomona).** The Hub invites faculty to

benefit from the space! Meet with community partners, display art and hold performances, conduct surveys and gather data, or bring students to a fresh location outside of the classroom. The Hub offers a wonderful opportunity for the CPP community to connect with our Pomona neighborhood. Rsvp by Feb. 24. For questions, contact Lauren Bernal.

- ***RSCA Conference*: Saturday, March 1, 2025.** Undergraduate and graduate students from every discipline showcase their original research, scholarly projects, or creative works. Put it on your calendar to go be inspired by our amazing CPP students!

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