

Interested faculty members should contact the leader of the community of interest by phone or by e-mail. Learning Communities will start meeting in mid-January.

Topic: Academic Integrity

Book: *Academic Integrity in the Twenty-First Century: A Teaching and Learning Imperative (An ASHE 2008 Higher Education Report)* by Tricia Bertram Gallant. Additional print and electronic supplementary readings may be incorporated to address the unique interests of the group.

Description: Cheating compromises the teaching and learning process for faculty and students alike. This learning community will provide faculty with an overview of the historical and societal origins of academic integrity, and how to adopt a proactive and learner-centered approach to addressing academic dishonesty issues in the classroom. This community will also familiarize faculty with the state of academic dishonesty at SDSU, and resources available on campus and online to support faculty in their proactive approach.

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Meeting Dates/Time and Location: TBA

Topic: How People Learn

Book: *How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School* by Bransford, Brown, and Cocking (ed.) National Research Council National Academy Press, Washington, D.C.

Description: A faculty learning community concerned about improving teaching and student learning through examining new information on how students learn.

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Topic: Learner-Centered Teaching

Book: *Learner-Centered Teaching: Five Key Changes to Practice* by Maryellen Weimer

Description: Learner-centered teaching focuses attention on what the student is learning, retaining, and applying. This book presents the meaning, practice, and ramifications of this approach and how it transforms the classroom environment.

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Meeting Dates/Time and Location: TBA

Topic: Online Learning: How Technology is Changing the Face of Higher Education

Book: *Building Online Learning Communities: Effective Strategies for the Virtual Classroom* by Rena M. Palloff and Keith Pratt

Description: As SDSU strives to become a competitive institution in today's educational market, many faculty are renewing their commitment to becoming stronger and better educators. As departments add online courses, faculty are often left wondering how to teach these classes. This book explores many ideas to create a successful virtual learning experience.

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Meeting Dates/Time and Location: TBA

Topic: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Book: *Enhancing Scholarly Work on Teaching and Learning* by Maryellen Weimer

Description: At SDSU, there has been growing interest in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning which is gaining recognition as a viable form of scholarship. This book offers college-level faculty members advice on how to do and apply SoTL work to improve student learning and development.

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Meeting Dates/Time and Location: TBA

Topic: The United States and Mexico: Exploring Cultural Differences

Book: *Mexicans & Americans: Cracking the Culture Code* by Ned Crouch.

Description: Faculty who venture South of the Border encounter many cultural differences besides language. These differences can lead the culturally unwary into situations which are often funny or embarrassing and, on occasion, unpleasant. This learning community is for those who wish to share their encounters with Latin American culture. Especially welcomed are faculty who rarely travel south of the Rio Grande but want to increase their cultural understanding. Ned Crouch's book on the Mexican way of life will be the starting point. As time and interests allow, members may expand their horizons beyond Mexico to the world of Spanish culture.

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