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TEACHING, LEARNING, AND TECHNOLOGY AY 2007-2008 MAJOR EVENTS/INITIATIVES

Below is a digest of major cross-campus events and initiatives involving the intersection of teaching, learning, and academic technology. Specific announcements will be forthcoming.

1. Grants: *Enhancing Learning through the Use of Technology*

RFP: October 15

Proposals to Provosts: February 1

Proposals to ITC Subcommittee on Academic Technology: February 15

Notification: March 31

Proposals will be sought that explore and advance the use of academic technology to promote effective learning, advance assessment of teaching practices and learning outcomes, and further collaborative inquiry. Awards will range from less than \$2,000 to \$25,000, depending on category and scope. Planned award categories are as follows: Personal Teaching Improvement; Programmatic, Multidisciplinary, and/or Multicampus Teaching Improvement; Research on Teaching and Learning.

2. Conference, April 10 – 11, Holiday Inn, Boxborough

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Making IT Matter

RFP and General Announcement: October 15

Proposals to SAT: November 30

Notifications: January 18

Preconference sessions, April 10: Curriculum Development in Blended Learning
Environments, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Conference: April 11

This year's Information Technology Conference will once again highlight funded projects as well as other initiatives. The format will continue the tradition of a keynote (to be announced) and concurrent sessions which will also feature specific demonstrations of emerging technologies for teaching and learning. A pre-conference event at the Shrewsbury Consolidated Services Facility will offer focused sessions on "Curriculum Development in Blending Learning Environments" and "The Life and Times of the Scholar of Teaching and Learning" (tentative title), the latter hosted by last year's keynoter, Professor [Randy Bass](#).

3. Special Interest Groups and Gatherings

- ***Emerging Technologies for Interactive Teaching and Learning, November 29, 2007***
Co-sponsored by UmassOnline and the Office of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, & International Relations, this one-day event will showcase campus initiatives associated with advances in lecture capture and dissemination, live online learning, and rich media creation
- ***Health and Medical Education Special Interest Group***
Currently being formed, this coalition of faculty and staff from all the campuses will become a resource for faculty engaged in this groundbreaking arena for the application of technology to the enhancement of learning, and ultimately for faculty in the broader community.
- ***Electronic Portfolio SIG, Phase 2***
Chaired by Professor Jen Riley, Dartmouth, this special interest group will continue its activities to identify best practices and to further the implementation of electronic portfolios on the campuses.

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