Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence
Regional Center for Teaching Excellence

Central Region:

Blue Ridge CC, Central Virginia CC, Dabney-Lancaster CC, Danville CC, Patrick Henry CC, Virginia Western CC
Central Region: Advisory Board

BRCC: Harpreet Panesar (BIO), Lori Wack (NUR)
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Central Region: Board Meetings

• September 18, 2015
• October 16, 2015
• November 13, 2015
• February 12, 2016
• March 25, 2016
• April 22, 2016
Central Region: The Premise

• Effective professional development is...
  • Ongoing
  • Embraced
  • Resulting in positive student outcomes
Central Region: Event Assessment

• Fall Semester
• Spring Semester
• Going forward...
Central Region: Completed Events/Attendees

• November 20, 2015: Mindfulness (PHCC)

• January 5, 2016: OER (VWCC)
February 19, 2016, 1:30-3:30pm: **Understanding by Design**: Begin the process of learning how to use the backward design process to create units, assessments and courses that intentionally support and deepen student understandings. This workshop will be the first part of a series which will be followed up in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. Attendees will leave with practical takeaways that can be used immediately in their courses. Light refreshments will be provided. Speaker: Dr. Ashley Gess, Assistant Professor, VWCC

- Email Professor Harpreet Panesar to reserve your spot today! ([panesarh@brcc.edu](mailto:panesarh@brcc.edu))
- (Hosted at Blue Ridge Community College – P126 Plecker Workforce Center)
Central Region: Future Events

February 26, 2016 1:30-3:00: Are your students Hard of Hearing or Hard of Listening? - Getting through to your students..." (Hosted at CVCC in the Multipurpose Room on the ground floor of Merritt Hall) Light refreshments will be provided. Please email Ashley Gess (agess@virginiawestern.edu) or Alison Moore (MooreA@cvcc.vccs.edu) to reserve your spot now! Professor Stephen Walker (Southside CC) will teach attendees how to promote meaningful, effective conversation in your classroom.

- Communication is so much more than telling people what you want them to know. Some "folks is plain old hard of listening" -- they hear fine, but the listening part gives them trouble. It seems like they are not likely to get the point unless it is attached to a thunder bolt and a lightning strike. Learn the primary principles of getting through to those not inclined to understand things the first time around. Sometimes, saying something like what you mean is much more likely to hit home. This presentation will reveal the keys required to put power and impact into your communication.

- Presented with a series of visual examples, group demonstrations, and easy-to-relate-to stories, audiences quickly warm to the fun of understanding why so much of our conversation and communication can go astray.
Central Region: Future Events

March 18, 2016  STEM for ALL: Working across and among ALL disciplines to embrace a STEM vision for the Central Region: The STEM Education Act of 2015 gives a clear definition for STEM education to support grant funding and STEM education activities in our nation. As a region, we want to work collaboratively toward student success and persistence in STEM subjects, but all disciplines must play a part for this outcome to be realized. This workshop will serve to begin the discussion toward creating and articulating a unified STEM vision among Central Region Sister institutions. (Hosted at Virginia Western)
Central Region: Future Events

**August 2016 (Date TBA): Mindfulness : Actively Practice to Reduce Professor Burnout and Prevent Compassion Fatigue (Secondary Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)** This session will be dedicated to teach you the theory behind mindfulness and get you started in learning the techniques (Hosted at CVCC; Follow up session planned for Spring 2017)

**September, 2016** Understanding by Design, Part 2
Central Region: Results (Mindfulness)

100% - The event was extremely helpful

Workshop quality, relevance of content, length of workshop, presentation style, physical environment and electronics all rated “Excellent” or “Good”

Other suggestions: Distance learning course development, Teaching/assessing critical thinking
Central Region: Results (OER)

28% - Event considered extremely helpful
64% - Event considered largely helpful

• Workshop quality, relevance, length and style all rated “Excellent” or “Good”

• Physical environment was a problem

_Suggestions for other events:_

Distance learning; Teaching critical thinking, Developing academic honesty, flipped classroom, Learning theory, Student centered learning, Engaging millennial students
Central Region: Collaboration

• Meetings
• Locations
Central Region: Needs

• Business office communication
• FAQ for next board chair/members
Central Region: CETL

• NONE
Thank you!

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Mid-Central Region for Teaching Excellence

JTCC, JSRCC, SSCC, RCC and PVCC

Regional Chair: Carol E. Carr
RCTE Advisory Board

I. Members:
   • Tiffany Randall (Associate Professor of Biology, MNHS @ JTCC)
   • Ghazala Hashmi (Professor of English; Center For Faculty Engagement@ Reynolds)
   • Ruth Greene (Associate Professor of IST @ RCC)
   • Ashley Leslie (Instructor of Instructional Technology @ SCC)
   • John Kingsley (Instructional Designer; Center for Teaching, Training, and Technology @ PVCC)

II. Collaborations: Limited to face-face/ bulk email

III. Outcomes: Established relationships; Increased collaboration; Foster existing bonds; Identified PD activity;
Regional Faculty Development

I. Identification

II. Feedback
- Needs Assessment - work with professional development committees and PDC representatives
- Post-Event: Qualtrics surveys

III. Sponsored Events 2015-2016
- JTCC Magna Commons Orientation (Fall Semester)
- SSCC OER Event (January 29, 2016) **
RCTE- Future Events

I. Awakening the Learning; JSRCC (Feb. 3-4)

II. FantasTech Virtual Conference (Feb. 5 -12)

III. Comedy as a Pedagogical Tool; RCC (Feb. 29)

IV. Technology Saturday for Adjuncts: JSRCC (March 5)

V. Diversity Symposium; JTCC (March 11)

VI. Are You Prepared for DL?; PVCC (April)
Inter-collegiate Collaboration

I. Challenges
   • Scheduling dates
   • Distance
   • Targeting
   • Infrastructure

II. Successes
   • Increased Networking
   • Increased Collaboration (internally/externally)
   • Strengthen relationship (cc and system office)
   • Increased Deliverables for Faculty
Regional CETLS

I. Center for Faculty Development (Reynolds)

II. Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (PVCC)

II. Center for Teaching and Learning (JTCC)
Northern Virginia Regional Center for Teaching Excellence

PDC Meeting Update
February 5, 2016
Camille D. G. Mustachio, Northern Chair
Professional Development Events: Germanna

• Establish physical space for CETL resources
• NACADA Advising Webinars
• New Faculty Academy
• Project Based Learning Workshop
• Distance Learning and Blackboard Workshops
• Magna Commons
  • Monday Morning Mentor
  • White Papers
  • 20-Minute Mentor Commons
  • Underprepared Students
• Evidence-Based Teaching in Higher Education
• Ensuring Student Veteran Success
• Conversations with Students
Professional Development Events: Lord Fairfax

- Blackboard: Semester Start-up (10)
- Blackboard: Grade Center & Assignments (8)
- Blackboard: Tests (5)
- Design Camp for eLearning (12)
- The World is Open (7)
- Mobile Photography (12)
- Accessibility Tips for Online Courses (4)
- Course Self-Check (8)
- General Guidelines for Print and Web Materials (5)
- Multimedia: Captioning (3)
- Google Drive (8)
- Screen Recording (4)
- Online Proctoring (4)
Professional Development Events: Northern Virginia

• Power Up Your Pedagogy (January 7, 2016)
• New Faculty First Year Experience
• SuperProf Awards
• Teaching Squares Cohorts
• Pedagogy Library
Regional Developments

Northern Virginia Regional Center for Teaching Excellence
Supporting professional development at Germanna Community College, Lord Fairfax Community College, and Northern Virginia Community College

About

The mission of the Northern Virginia Regional Center for Teaching Excellence is to provide a forum for dialogue, reflection, and enhancement of teaching and modeling an innovative learning community for faculty located in the VCCS’s northern region. Through professional development opportunities geared toward faculty needs at Germanna, Lord Fairfax, and Northern Virginia, we can address significant issues in our region, especially those connected to the state-wide triple-credentialing program, Complete 2021.

Camille D. G. Mastache, Northern Virginia Regional Chair

Email Camille
Regional Developments

• Advisory Committee
  • Jessica Matheson, CETL Chair, Germanna
  • Tom Perin, Assoc. VP of Academic Affairs and Student Services, Germanna
  • Karen Kellison, Associate Dean of Instructional Technology, Lord Fairfax
  • Mia Leggett, Associate Dean of Student Services, Lord Fairfax
  • Marleen McCabe, PDC Representative, Northern Virginia

• Meetings via email and Google Docs/Forms
  • Teaching Concerns/Pedagogy
  • Student Success
  • Inclusive Classroom
  • Problem Based Learning
Regional Events Planned for Spring 2016: Faculty Voices Student Success Workshop

• Friday, February 26, 2016 (goal 30 attendees)

• Join moderator Camille Mustachio for a half-day workshop that will engage community college faculty, both full- and part-time, in a conversation about student success and completion, particularly to (a) identify issues, challenges, and concerns faculty have about the current focus on student completion; and (b) identify ways faculty – individually and in college-wide efforts – currently support student success, retention, and completion. Adapted from the League for Innovation in the Community College’s Faculty Voices project, we will brainstorm in small groups to find emerging themes.
Regional Events Planned for Spring 2016: Open Education Resources Workshop

• Friday, March 4, 2016 (53 registrants before snow; 32 registrants)

• Join facilitator Cheryl Huff from Lumen Learning for a workshop that will answer all of your OER and Zx23 Project questions. Collaborate with colleagues while gaining the necessary tools to incorporate open education resources this semester. This faculty and staff workshop is designed to be informative, hands on, and suitable for all levels. Explore how to adopt, adapt, and build OER with best practices to complement or reimagine current and future instruction. Registration is free and includes lunch. You are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet. This event is co-sponsored by Germanna Community College and Northern Virginia Regional Center for Teaching Excellence.
Regional Events Planned for Spring 2016: *Ken Bain Seminar*

- Pending
- Co-sponsored by Germanna Community College CETL
SWVA RCTE

Working Together for Professional Development
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October 2015, Board Meeting in Marion

• Identified professional development needs from:
  • RCTE committee meeting summaries from the last two years
  • Action items from the RCTE, International Education Symposium Summery
  • Input from advisory board members

• Needs and ideas identified:
  ✓ MECC expressed interest in having Dr. Jane Wiggins from JMU speak
  ✓ Ottenritter speak about working with diverse students at MECC
  ✓ Training on the new Blackboard Collaborate
  ✓ Guidance on building portfolios for the newly implemented Faculty Evaluation Plan
  ✓ Host speakers at different colleges dealing with international issues
  ✓ Dr. John Brenner identified as the International Travel Coordinator for the region
  ✓ Training to help faculty identify and properly use open resource materials
Oct. 5th, CHINA TOWN HALL at SWCC

- Town Hall included:
  - Live webcast panel discussion with former Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin, Mayor Sheldon Day (of Thomasville, Alabama, location of a major Chinese-owned factory) and Daniel Rosen, founding partner of the Rhodium Group.
  - Local expert, Dr. James (Jamie) Anderson, associate professor and head of the history department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and his presentation, “Black Gold: Coal and Its Impact on Chinese History”.

- Thirty-five students, faculty, administrators and community members were present.

- Only 1 faculty completed VCCS generated evaluation survey.
Nov. 5\textsuperscript{th}, “Putin on the Fritz: Understanding Russia’s Relationship with the West” at SWCC

- Dr. Rachel Stauffer, Assistant Professor of Russian at Ferrum College, offered a brief overview of Russian history down to the current times.
- Presentation included slides and discussions about how Russia is viewed by the world and how Russian’s view themselves.
- 95 students, faculty, staff and community members were present. The program.
- Evaluation survey distributed by SWCC.
  - 31/32 Very satisfied/satisfied with presentation
  - 31/32 Very satisfied/satisfied with relevance
  - 30/31 Very satisfied/satisfied with information
  - Additional Comments: “A very nice presentation covering politics, history, geography, language. A good overview of who he is versus who he pretends to be and how he handles international affairs.”
Nov. 13th, Online Blackboard Board Collaborate Ultra Workshop

- Pam Hanks, Instructional Designer at NRCC, conducted a one hour workshop on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.

- The workshop covered such topics as scheduling sessions, inviting guests, sharing content, recording sessions and the chat tool.

- Attended by thirteen participants from seven different colleges (WCC, PCVA, SWCC, WCC, MECC, NRCC, NVCC).

- VCCS generated evaluation survey found:
  - 100% of respondents (9) to be very satisfied/satisfied with the registration process, workshop materials, presenter, virtual environment, and length.
  - Descriptive words given: Informative, practical, interesting, applicable, useful, organized, convenient, enjoyable, promising, engaging, welcoming
Dec. 4th, OER workshop at NRCC

- 2 hour workshop included:
  - Cheryl Huff spoke about the importance of OER and the VCCS’s OER efforts.
  - Yvonne Maute, Reference Librarian at NRCC, followed with an overview of copyright and tips to finding OER content.

- Link to the recorded workshop: https://nr.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=6b1f9e99-4478-4b9a-a9e8-72c76aaaffdf7

- Twenty three attendants were present at New River Community College, as well as three participants from neighboring colleges via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.

- VCCS generated evaluation survey found:
  - Most (only 7 completed) to be very satisfied/satisfied with the registration process, workshop materials, presenter, virtual environment, and length.
  - Descriptive words given: informative, disconnected, networking, engaging, lengthy, enjoyable, difficult, social, provoking, factual
  - Problems: Connection was lost, presenters hard to hear for those connecting through Blackboard, hard to include those participating via Blackboard
Jan. 5th, “Instructional Technology for Today’s Students” at MECC

• Jayme N. Linton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education and Program Coordinator for Master of Science in Online Teaching & Instructional Design at Lenoir-Rhyne University, explored possibilities for connecting technologies to teaching and learning outcomes.

• All of the faculty at MECC were required to attend.

• VCCS generated evaluation survey was just distributed to participants.
Jan. 6th, “Recognizing and Responding to Students in Distress” at MECC

• Dr. Jane Wiggins, James Madison University, was the speaker for this workshop.

• This session focused on how to notice signs of distress and communicate these to your college’s academic advising, counseling or student services professionals.

• Most of the faculty and staff at MECC attended.

• VCCS generated evaluation survey was just distributed to participants.
Jan. 7th, “DiSC Workplace Profile Workshop” at WCC

• The DiSC Profile is an assessment that provides information about workplace priorities and preferences in addition to ways that employees can better connect with colleagues whose priorities and preferences may be different from yours.

• Twenty-nine faculty and staff members of the Occupational and Health Division at WCC participated.

• WCC to share findings and serve as a point of contact for other colleges.

• VCCS generated evaluation survey found:
  • 100% of respondents (10) to be very satisfied/satisfied with the registration process, workshop materials, presenter, virtual environment, and length.
  • Descriptive words given: informative, engaged, fun, enlightening, interesting, collaborative, thought provoking, helpful, wonderful, worthwhile
Jan. 12th, “How to Build a Web-Based Portfolio” at NRCC

- Brian Clark, Assistant Professor of Health at NRCC, illustrated how to create a web-based portfolio.

- This link shows the video portions of Brian Clark’s presentation.

- Thirteen were in attendance from NRCC. Professor Clark’s link was shared with faculty at the colleges in SWVA.

- VCCS generated evaluation survey found:
  - Most (8 completed) to be very satisfied/satisfied with the registration process, workshop materials, presenter, virtual environment, and length.
  - Descriptive words given: informative, dynamic, specific, innovative, positive, interesting, doable, creative, stimulating, helpful.
Jan. 15th, “Using an Electronic Portfolio: Measuring Faculty Performance with the New VCCS Evaluation Process” at WCC

• Dr. Leroy Hamilton, Jr., Dean of Transfer, Business and Social Sciences at WCC, aided participants in developing an electronic portfolio to support their Annual Performance and Professional Development Objectives and the Faculty Recognition and Awards process.

• This link (https://youtu.be/iikS4hn2IcQ) shows the recording of Dr. Leroy Hamilton’s presentation.

• Sixteen faculty from three different colleges attended. The recording was shared with faculty at the colleges in SWVA.

• VCCS generated evaluation survey was just distributed to participants.
VHCC Professional Development Events

• **August 19th, “Sowing the Seeds of Success”** - Dr. Kay McClenney independent consultant and co-CEO of Mc2 Consultants presented on what educational practices matter most and how faculty, staff and administrators can come together in collaborative work to achieve challenging goals.

• **Oct 8th and 9th, “College Leadership Conference”** - A two day experience at the Jubilee House and the 4-H Center in Abingdon, VA. Dr. Abigail Stonerock from the System’s office presented.

• **Jan 5th – 7th, “Great Teacher’s Seminar”** - The College sponsored a National Great Teachers Seminar for VHCC faculty at the Valle Crucis Conference Center in Banner Elk, NC.
SWVA RCTE Future Events

• Spring 2016 - Sharing of WCC DiSC Profile Assessment with other colleges

• April, 2016 – Members of the advisory board are presenting at New Horizons, “SWVA RCTE: Working Together for Professional Development”

• May 11th or 12th - Anita Walz tentatively scheduled to present on OER at WCC in-service

• Possible OSHA Training for science faculty at VHCC

• Jan. 2016 - Advisory Board emailed with budget update and to identify more professional development needs

• Identified needs not met to date:
  • Working with diverse students
  • Speakers on international issues at other colleges
Inter-collegiate Collaboration

Successes:
• Work well together as a group
• Satisfactorily completed many of the identified PD needs from Oct. meeting

Challenges:
• Lack of attendees from non-host college at events
• Inability to successfully incorporate interested participants in events at a distance
• Continuing to identify PD needs
Tidewater Regional Center for Teaching Excellence
Tidewater RCTE Advisory Board

- Gabriela Christie-Toletti, Professor, Spanish, TCC
- Tom Geary, Assistant Professor, English, TCC
- Fred E. Stemple, Associate Vice President for Faculty Professional Development, TCC
- Elizabeth Perry, Associate Professor, Medical Assisting ESCC
- Linda Pruitt, Associate Professor, Nursing, ESCC
- Emily Moore, Instructor, English, ESCC
- Ann Pinner, Associate Professor, Nursing, PDC
- Theresa Nystrom, Associate Professor, Mathematics, TNCC
Tidewater RCTE Advisory Board

- All four colleges are represented on the Tidewater RCTE Advisory Board.
- One in-person board meeting each year.
- Virtual board meetings scheduled as needed.
Tidewater RCTE Planning and Evaluation

• Regional faculty development needs are determined as follows:
  • College Presidents’ suggestions.
  • Faculty requests.
  • RCTE advisory board suggestions.
  • Electronic evaluations secured after each event.
Tidewater RCTE Events 2015-2016

• VCCS Office of Professional Development Services and Programs. Presenters: Abby Stonerock, VCCS OPD; Fred Stemple, VP for Faculty Development, TCC; Tom Geary, Assistant Professor of English, TCC; Alandra Giron Instructor of Spanish, TNCC; Janice Hathaway, Professor of Computer Arts; TNCC; Linda Pruitt, Associate Professor of Nursing, ESCC; Ann Pinner, Associate Professor of Nursing, PDCCC; Isi Kessel, Chair, Tidewater RCTE, TNCC October 20, 2015 This event was held at the Virginia Beach campus of TCC

• Faculty Colloquium on Excellence and Innovation. 40 sessions, a variety of presenters. January 5 and 6, 2016.
Attendance at Tidewater RCTE 2015-2016 Events

• VCCS Office of Professional Development Services and Programs. October 20, 2015, TCC Virginia Beach Campus: 200 attendees.

• Faculty Colloquium for Excellence and Innovation, January 5 and 6, 2016, TNCC Hampton Campus: 350 attendees each day.

• Evaluations indicate that these were both very successful and valuable events.
What’s next

• From Adjunct to Full Time, February 26, 2016, TCC Virginia Beach Campus. Presenters: Tom Geary, TCC; Monica McFerrin, TCC; Maureen Cahill, TCC; Michelle Alexander, TNCC, Isi Kessel, TNCC.

• What We Carry, US Holocaust Commission, TBA (March)

• OER, TBA (March)

• Health Professionals, TBA (May)
Attendance

• Attendance ranges from 100-350 people at each event.
• The number of attendees varies by location; all four colleges are always represented.
• The percentage of attendees is directly related to the college where the session is presented.
Inter-collegiate collaboration

• Excellent in 2015-2016:
  • All the events have been presented in collaboration between all four colleges in the region.
  • Future events planned in collaboration with TCC, TNCC, ESCC, and PDCCC.
  • Events are already being planned for October 2016 and January 2017.
Future Needs

• Student Success
• Student Success
• Student Success
TCC Reigns Supreme

• Only Tidewater Community College has a Vice President for Faculty Professional Development. There is one vice president, four managers (one at each campus), five offices, four resource centers (one at each college)