

## *Brown Bag Lunch Notes*

### **Technology-Enhanced Teaching & Learning II: "Clickers" in the Classroom**

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 1:30pm

Engage students, assess learning, gather data or enhance presentations with "Clickers" (Audience Response Systems). Students are issued small remote clickers, each with a unique ID number, which allow them to respond to multiple choice questions during a lecture. Immediate results provide the instructor with feedback about the students' understanding of concepts and content knowledge. This instant feedback engages students in active learning and improves class attendance and participation. Based on student responses, the instructor can customize instruction or use responses as a basis for class discussion. Come hear faculty discuss their experiences with Audience Response Systems.

#### **Discussion Leaders:**

*Ted Welsh* (Mathematics), *Mike Young* (Physical Science) & *Lynn Zayac* (CIT)

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### **Want A Better Campus Book Program?**

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1 p.m

Since it began in the Fall of 2000, the Campus Book program has brought together students, staff, and faculty to discuss such award-winning works as *Fast Food Nation*, *Life of Pi*, and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. Helped by the occasional visit of an author, the annual campus book has served as a way to unite the campus through stimulating conversation.

Clearly there is a lot of untapped potential. Compared to similar programs at other colleges, more authors and other guests could be brought to campus. Additional programming could be developed. And more people could participate in reading each year's selection. To make improvements, we need your help.

What would you like the Campus Book program to be? What ideas do you have for making it better? If you would like to learn more about the program—and offer suggestions for how to make our program better—then please come to this Faculty Center Brown Bag discussion. George Layng from English, the former coordinator of the program, and Catherine Doyle, the director of Ely Library and current coordinator, will participate.

## *Faculty Center News*

*Dear Colleagues,*

*We are writing with exciting news about the Faculty Center. As you may remember from an e-mail at the end of last semester, Dr. Rasool has appointed Diana Schwartz (Movement Science) to serve for the spring semester as the first-ever Faculty Center coordinator. The coordinator position will make it possible for the Faculty Center to grow in new ways, and so we are naturally delighted with this increase in support from the administration and look forward to a fruitful collaboration between the Faculty Center and Academic Affairs.*

*Having a faculty member as Faculty Center coordinator will both ensure fundamental continuity and allow growth. Faculty members will continue to plan all the Faculty Center's programs: this semester we will sponsor our usual brown bag lunches, weekly coffee hours, mentoring lunches for new faculty, and faculty development workshops. The additional support from Academic Affairs, however, will make a range of new initiatives possible, including, we hope, funding for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning projects.*

*This is a pilot program, so any feedback about how it works will be immensely valuable. If you have anything to say, including ideas for Faculty Center programming, contact Diana Schwartz [dschwartz@wsc.ma.edu](mailto:dschwartz@wsc.ma.edu) x5298.*

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*Emily Todd, English*

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