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Stockton to Offer “Summer Tech Academy” for Faculty Members

Training in the Latest Teaching Technologies Will be Available to Stockton Faculty

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GALLOWAY TWP. – Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Faculty members will have the opportunity to engage in new technologies for teaching and learning through a “Summer Tech Academy” to take place next year, announced at today’s meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Academy will run for two weeks from June 18 to June 28, 2007. Faculty will work individually and in small teams on a multimedia or web project that addresses an instructional problem, enhances existing courses or creates a new course. The academy will be open to 20 faculty members who will receive a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the program.

Cost of the program, including faculty stipends, software, fees to presenters and other peripheral expenses will be approximately \$84,000. Faculty members will receive an additional \$750 for planning and implementation of their new projects, provided a draft syllabus is submitted to the Provost’s Office by September 1, 2007. An additional \$500 will be provided to faculty members for reflecting on their technology-enhanced class, documented by a conference proposal, and nominating a colleague to the Tech Academy for the following year by January 15.

Funding for the program is provided by President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.’s Presidential Initiative Fund, moneys that were budgeted in advance for such projects and does not affect the College operating budget or student tuition or fees.

The Tech Academy is a collaborative effort among the President, the Institute for Faculty Development, College Computer Services, and the ETTC. President Saatkamp said such collaboration builds synergy among existing college resources and fosters instructional innovation.

“Stockton enjoys some of the best technology tools for teaching and learning, and the Summer Tech Academy will open up the possibilities of this technology to additional faculty,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “We have long been associated with teaching and learning technology through our Masters Degree program in Instructional Technology and our Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC),” he said. “Stockton has trained thousands of K-12 teachers and students in these technologies. The Summer Tech Academy enhances these opportunities for our faculty and students.”

Some of the technologies explored in the Academy will include but will not be limited to:

- Creating class blogs and podcasts of lectures and discussions
- Incorporating personal response “clickers” into classes for instant feedback
- Strengthening between-class discussions and enrichment with web-based tools
- Designing original rich-media resources such as animations, 3D renderings and full-motion video with audio. Scientific demonstrations, field experience and artistic applications are a few examples of the types of projects that would utilize these technologies.

The Tech Academy will use a combination of the latest in teaching and instructional technology innovations that incorporate computer labs, mobile laptop computing, a Mac multimedia lab, digital cameras, video, scanners, microphones and printers. The Summer Tech Academy will tie together the cutting edge of educational technology with the latest in instructional techniques to supplement time-tested lessons designed to prepare today’s leading educators.

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