Travel Report (2/25/2015)

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1. Event (2/19-2/21/2015): “Lilly Conferences on College and University Teaching and Learning” is an annual national conference of individuals from a variety of disciplines that have gathered to discuss issues related to teaching and student learning. The conference theme for 2015 addressed, “Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning” to reflect scholarly teaching. The “Lilly Conference” also serves as a gathering community of learners to seek out those with similar interests as well as build professional contacts.

2. Topics: The topics for this year again reflected scholarly teaching but with subtheme workshops that focused on academic success; assessment student learning, creating communities of learners, curriculum design and redesign, engaging and motivating students, multiculturalism, innovative pedagogical approaches, on-line learning and teaching, experiential learning and teaching well with classroom technologies.

3. Relevance: Relevance of this conference is to bring to LMU and the Communication Studies department incorporation of other classroom technologies that have been successful with other teachers. In addition, further applicability of more on-line courses to our university system.

4. Projects/Individuals: This conference brought forth projects of successful on-line courses from alternative or non-traditional universities and traditional universities/colleges that have developed progressive programs for improved distance learning. For example, USC School of Social Work Master’s On-line Program. Students in the online program do their work online (via videos, exercises, papers, quizzes) and then meet synchronously for 75 minutes with the entire class and professor for 15 weeks. In addition, selected individual workshops also enhanced current social media technologies that can enhance teaching and student learning such Youtube Channels-Crash course, Game Changers, Ted Ed, Vimeo.

5. Recommendations for future participants: This is an excellent opportunity and resource pool for future professors who wish to enhance their teaching in the classroom and for higher student success.


7. Link to the event website: http://lillyconferences.com/ca/