Registration for the Continued Use of the Carnegie Name:
Statement of Intent
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Institution: Loyola Marymount University

Campus website developed for the CASTL Institutional Leadership Program where this statement will be posted:
http://www.lmu.edu/libraries_research/cte/SoTL/CASTL_Affiliates_Program.htm

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Please review the “commitments required of your institution” in the accompanying letter, in particular, the commitment to provide institutional support for five memberships in ISSOTL.

Source of support for five ISSOTL memberships: Office of the Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Please indicate the senior level administrator (President, Provost, Dean) or designee who has approved this submission.
Name: Ernest Rose, PhD
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

Statement of goals and how the work builds on what has been accomplished (500 words or less):
As part of its application for continued use of the Carnegie name for two years, Loyola Marymount University declares for the next two years to address the following two major goals:

Goal 1) To solidify and make more visible connections between SoTL and the university’s mission: the encouragement of learning, the education of the whole person, the service of faith and the promotion of justice.
Examples of work that will fall under this goal:

- Use SoTL to investigate and assess learning in community based learning (CBL) courses and to identify and promote approaches to CBL that are most effective in producing significant learning.

- Encourage faculty participating in a course development project initiated in March 2008 during early stages of a core curriculum revision process currently underway to move beyond assessment of learning outcomes to undertake a SoTL project grounded in their course. Results obtained may guide or inform future the ongoing core revision process and the process will increase the number of SoTL practitioners on campus.

- Inform the development of a freshman seminar program at LMU with results of SoTL work previously done on the seminar.

Goal 2) To expand and clarify our understanding of what mission-related scholarship and creative works are valued and counted for RTP at LMU

Examples of work that fall under this goal:

- Continue to highlight SoTL work by LMU faculty and the impact it has on teaching and learning through a 4th annual SoTL Showcase week to be held in Fall 2010.

- Work to amplify the outcomes of a roundtable discussion on the role of SoTL in the professional lives of faculty to be held October 2, 2009 as part of the 2009 SoTL Showcase. Possibilities include having the Center for Teaching Excellence provide multiple venues for discussion of this topic and maintaining a presence on the University Research Council. Encourage members of LMU’s SoTL brown bag group to participate in conversations at the department level about including SoTL in department definitions of scholarship.

These goals and the proposed work will build on what has been accomplished through Loyola Marymount’s previous CASTL participation (2005-6 as a CASTL Affiliate, and 2006-9 as coordinating institution for the CASTL Affiliates). The Center for Teaching Excellence has served as a catalyst and center for LMU’s SoTL work through its grant programs (for studying pedagogical innovations and for travel to meetings to present SoTL work), through its support and development of a community of scholars through the SoTL brown bag lunches, and through its organization and sponsorship of three annual SoTL Showcase Weeks. The Center has also facilitated positive collaborations between the LMU Office of Assessment and the growing community of SoTL scholars. The goals and activities proposed above will build on this existing foundation of SoTL events, resources and communities developed during the last five years that LMU has been a CASTL Affiliate.

*Statements will be accepted until November 30, 2009.*

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