

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Sustainability in the Curriculum Workshop: Toward Sustainability in the Curriculum at Missouri State University

Sponsored by: Missouri State University, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

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Summary:

The purpose of the *Sustainability in the Curriculum Workshop: Toward Sustainability in the Curriculum at Missouri State University* is to facilitate sustainability across the curriculum, by providing the resources and tools for faculty at Missouri State University to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. This will be accomplished by training and facilitating twelve faculty who agree to one of the following: 1) develop a new course on sustainability within their Department or College; 2) significantly change an existing course so that it specifically addresses sustainability; 3) participate in the development of a professional certificate in “sustainable development”, “sustainability” or “developmental practice”. Faculty can either transform existing courses or develop new courses that address sustainability within the Missouri State University Public Affairs mission, or within a general framework that best fits the curricular change/addition.

Description of Workshop:

The *Sustainability in the Curriculum Workshop: Toward Sustainability in the Curriculum at Missouri State University* will be held Saturday March 20th. The workshop includes a Friday evening dinner (March 19th) for introductions to one another and workshop description. The workshop will be held from 9 am to 5 pm at the Bull Shoals Field Station (transportation provided – BSFS is 1 hr south of Springfield). A follow-up meeting will be held on the MSU campus prior to the end of the spring semester.

Application Process:

Application selection will seek to ensure that there is a balance of participants from across the University. Each participant will be required to write a report that will be made public on how they changed/developed curriculum. Each participant will be required to attend one or more “green lunches” which are held monthly and give a 15 minute presentation. Brown bag “green lunches” are open to all faculty, staff, students and administrators – as well as the public.

Faculty Stipends: \$500 – Faculty who submit evidence of curricular changes in progress by August 2010 will receive \$500. Faculty will be expected to send in a final report when curricular changes have been implemented, class tested, and assessed. Faculty will also have to agree by August 2010 to participate in follow-up presentations scheduled for fall 2010 and spring 2011.

Sustainability In the Curriculum Workshop

March 20, 2010 at Bull Shoals Field Station (transportation provided)

Application Form (Deadline: February 8th)

Name:

Discipline/dept:

Title/position:

Phone:

Email:

How long have you been at Missouri State University?

Please answer the next five questions in a few sentences or short paragraph:

1. What does sustainability mean to you?
2. Have you incorporated sustainability and/or environmental issues into your own courses and if so, how?
3. How do you envision infusing sustainability/environmental issues into the curriculum? (check all that apply):

Significantly changing an existing course so that it specifically addresses sustainability

Developing a new course on sustainability within your Department or College

Participating in the development of a professional certificate in “sustainable development”, “sustainability” or “developmental practice

Other:

Please describe.

4. What are the biggest hurdles to incorporating sustainability into the curriculum in your department?
5. What do you hope to gain from this workshop?

Please submit electronic applications to AlexanderWait@MissouriState.edu by February 8th

Sample Agenda for Saturday all day Workshop:

- 9:00-9:15 Coffee and orientation to surroundings (historic house, modern class room, Bull Shoals Lake, Ozark woodlands)
- 9:15-9:30 Definitions of sustainability (note: Friday dinner will be used for introductions and overview of workshop)
- 9:30-10:00 Two-legged exercise on place; beginning with the familiar.
- 10:00-10:30 Small Groups for creativity and experiential learning (three groups of four – Wait, Vess, and outside facilitator (see budget) lead group)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:00 Seven ways to change a course; Ponderosa and Piedmont examples
- 11:00-12:00 Learning from other campuses; identifying progress already achieved at MSU; challenges, opportunities
- 12:00-2:00 Lunch, woods walk with naturalist (see budget), sustainability at Bull Shoals Field Station
- 2:00-2:45 Local resources: sustainability at other institutions in Springfield (see budget – outside speaker)
- 2:45-3:45 Shifting paradigms: discussion of readings. Interdisciplinarity and sustainability's challenge to higher education
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-5:00 Reflection exercise on leadership, change, and support; discussion on challenges, opportunities, recourses, and allies