

Please Comment on how this event might change your teaching

Be more responsive

The strategies of Nicole and Anne will be put to some use in the future when I evaluate students' written assignments.

It was sometimes difficult to hear the speakers/participants who did not have/use a microphone. I found the Dalai Lama joke offensive. Would have been interesting to know how many adjuncts attending have lived or worked in a country with the predominant language different than their own.

I will incorporate suggestions from other colleagues.

Adding more writing assignments to the curriculum requirements, (With assigned grading points)

I am more aware of how my comments may be perceived by the students. It is better to list areas of improvements and specific helpful points instead of using blanket words or comments as to why the work did not meet the expectation.

Extremely informational. Will keep students perspective more to the forefront.

Pretty good. I feel like I'm very conscious about ESLs but good to be reminded that I share the same concerns with others.

I will listen more and acknowledge the needs of the students.

Communicate more precisely in class and assignments. Also, assign more writing assignments.

I have never been exposed to the concept of effective teaching for ESL students. This exposure was truly helpful in enhancing my sensitivity to the subject.

Most of my courses do not involve much writing but they do involve detailed communication, often with several ESL students. This workshop has provided me with many suggestions and alternatives to my methods for keeping students actively engaged.

Every semester I try to incorporate more and more writing into my art/fashion projects.

I think I will make myself more available in terms of conferences with students.

This will definitely help me give students better feedback on their writing in my classes! The summary at the end was very helpful and can be directly applied to my present modes of interaction.

Excellent experience, thank you.

I will be more sensitive to the needs of ALL of my students. I will offer more clarity in each of my assignments and more detailed feedback which will help develop my students.

Will be much more AWARE of my international students' struggles with the classroom.

More aware of challenges

I plan to incorporate the strategies I learned today and employ the tools both in the classroom as well as in my evaluations/grading. As a teacher of Italian, I see a close connection to supporting international students and ESL. The workshop was relevant to my area of teaching and I thoroughly enjoyed the speakers and loved interacting with the international students. Great idea!

I learned how to mitigate integrate new techniques into my class to be a more effective professor.

Emphasize that this is a process. Modeling techniques. Feedback techniques.

I plant to have students write an assignment that can be evaluated the way I taught to doing.

More understanding of the students points of view. More compassion. Nine tools. Greater global understanding.

It helped reinforce my usual techniques, but not sure I learned anything new and useful to apply going forward. Would've liked more concrete info.

Not sure but this is good for thought.

It gave me an understanding of what some students may be going through. Even though, I teach pattern making, I will make sure that my students understand what I am asking from them. I will touch base with each of my students to see if they understand what is expected of them and to answer any of their questions.

It helps me more aware of the challenges ESL students face, and gave me some good suggestions on how to work with ESL students.

I am rethinking my approach in presenting info and reviewing/grading student assignments.

Honestly, I can't imagine I'll be able to use much of this. Ann was interesting and dynamic. Nicole needs to work on her presentation style. This was disappointing. So much of what we covered was not much about second language speakers but instead about students who lack a good command of written English, either native speakers or not. I was hoping for more of this thing and there was none.

It reinforced techniques I currently use... Nice to have the continued reinforcement.

Overall I reaffirmed/reflected on useful issues with respect to teaching and writing in general.

I will be more compassionate with international students and more realistic with my expectations. Thank you.

I will be more aware of language experiences in my classroom communications, writing, feedback and listening.

This event enabled me to emphasize language as integral part of my class. I hope to encourage students to communicate effectively through practicing lessons presented by the presenters. Thank You!

Will address cultural/international differences/issues more directly in class discussions.

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Glad I attended.

I feel that this was slightly geared toward only English writing assignments. Much is not applicable to other courses which i also teach at FIT.

The lengthy discussion of the instructors and various drafts of the pre-lunch exercise was not relevant to my teaching at FIT. I reach technical subjects, not English grammar and prose. There is no nearly enough time in our curriculum to go into all this level of work for 1 short essay - NOT PRACTICAL! Irrelevant to most of our adjunct teaching. Far too much emphasis on the students writing in English; far too little attention to strategies instructors can use to better/best convey content/information to students whom English is not their first language. Anne Pomerantz' insight was useful and relevant; Nicole Houser's exercise and commentary was not as relevant to my teaching at FIT.

Some of the suggestions were/are too time consuming to implement in assignments.

The last group breakout could have been much stronger as a project specially as the day is coming to a close (make the conclusion more interesting)

This event was very helpful in bringing to my attention the difficulties that our ESL students face.

Wasn't sure what to expect with this workshop and am very pleased – Thanks!

Excellent day! Thank you!

Thank you Elaine and Celia! Excellent seminar!

Outstanding presentations.

Very useful topic we can apply individually and as academic instructors. Very interactive. Presenters worked well together.

Presenters could have offered more practical strategies and more examples of research in the field.

Super presenters this year – great seminar. Of the three i have had the opportunity to attend – this was outstanding. Thank you so much!

This concentration was not what I expected for the day's activities.

I would have liked to hear more about the TOFEL exam & the basic abilities we can expect & should expect of students who have chosen to study in the U.S.

Great program overall.