Great Minds Think Differently

Introduction by
ELAINE MALDONADO

Recently, I was reading through my alumni magazine and came across an article on Cooper Union’s project-based learning. Although the article targeted engineering education, I couldn’t help thinking that the author’s comments were equally applicable to the teaching, learning and wide range of internships at FIT, especially with regard to fields such as textile development and marketing, international trade and marketing and design disciplines such as fashion, toy, home product and interior design. I knew the article would be of interest to the FIT faculty and posted it on the door to the CET. Soon after, we received a phone call from the author of the article. She is an FIT faculty member, Jasmine Gartner!

Jasmine has been kind enough to assist me with a brief abstract of the article, and I include it here for your interest.

Abstract of
JASMINE GARTNER’S article

Good colleges are strong proponents of project-based learning in the real world. The Cooper Union’s engineering school is a perfect example of this: it is full of men and women who are confident that they can find solutions to help change the world. The issues that come up repeatedly are sustainability, security and improving the lives of others, whether through improved medical devices or more efficient ways of using energy. The engineering department’s professors all have a focus on work that has an immediate and real impact on the world outside academia. The result is students who, upon graduation, are already prepared, through extensive experience, to actively take part in meeting the challenges of today’s world. “As long as I can remember, these words have exemplified the FIT experience” said Elaine Maldonado.

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Teaching Institute Updates:

If you are interested in applying for funding through the TI, please note the following application deadline dates:

Fall 2007:   September 17
November 5
Spring 2008:   February 11
April 11

For more information, contact Celia Baez, X 4064, or pick up an application in Room B502. The guidelines can also be downloaded at:
http://www3.fitnyc.edu/cet/teachinginstitute.htm

Calling all FIT Faculty Members:

Do you have something you would like to contribute to the CET Reporter? If so, please contact Celia Baez at X 4064, or email Celia_Baez@fitnyc.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Angel’s at FIT

Training and/or workshops scheduled by the CET.

The migration for faculty teaching fully online is also underway. At the present time, four faculty members are conducting their course using Angel. The rest of the online faculty are training to teach their first courses in Angel for spring 2008. The training for online faculty is a day and a half and is being offered through the Office of Distance Learning. Please check the CET www3 website (www3.fitnyc.edu/cet) for ongoing updates and new resources. If you have questions regarding the move from Blackboard or Course Studio to Angel, please contact Jeffrey Riman (X7-4063) or Elaine Maldonado (X7-4062) in the CET. If you are an on-line faculty member with questions about Angel, please contact the Office of Distance Learning (X7-4069) or Calvin Williamson (X7-7476).

The First Day of Angel Training
Jeffrey Riman, CET, Bernard Kahn, IT and Craig Lending, SUNY Brockport

FIT—ABLE at the CET

October to assist faculty gain insight into the laws which protect a student with a disability, faculty rights and responsibilities, demonstrations of assistive technology, and guest speakers from the International Dyslexia Association present on one of many types of learners in your audience as class.

We look forward to more informational workshops.

The CET staff wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

FIT—ABLE at the CET

By LIZ HOLLY MORTENSEN

There is no special admissions process for a student with a disability. Students with disabilities are held to the same standards as are other applicants and students. With this in mind, the Office of Disability Services (FIT—ABLE) offered a three-part series through the CET this year.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy