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Community Newsletter   January 2018

Reminder: Sign up for a SIG by Jan. 31

ASSETT is offering two Special Interest Groups (SIGs) this spring semester. SIGs meet approximately 4 - 5 times based on the availability of applicants.

The **Teaching with Technology SIG**, led by Jacie Moriyama and Sandra Sawaya, provides faculty with an opportunity to address a teaching challenge using the Design Thinking framework. Design Thinking is a creative approach to solving complex problems by understanding people's needs and forming insights to meet those needs.

The **Encouraging and Developing Students' Critical Thinking Skills SIG**, led by Amanda McAndrew, will explore the interdisciplinary similarities and differences of engaging undergraduate students in deep and critical thinking. Participants will design
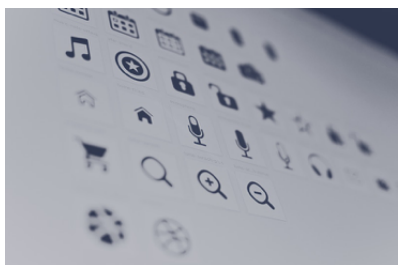
classroom activities to encourage critical thinking in their own courses.

Sign up!

Letters from the Advisor

We officially launched the 2018 - 2019 Faculty Fellows program. We have fifteen fellows from thirteen disciplines across Arts and Sciences. The departments include APS, EBIO, ENVS, GSLL, IPHY (2), PSCI (2), PWR (3), Honors RAP, SLHS, SOCY, THRD, WGST, and ETHN. At our first meeting, Eve-Lyn Hinckley, a 2017 - 2018 Faculty Fellow provided perspective on the program, why it was important and useful for her, how it has helped her realize and achieve significant educational transformation in ENVS, and what she is doing towards the goal of advancing the educational mission of ENVS.

Survey coming in Feb.

We need your input! ASSETT will be distributing our biennial academic technology needs survey during the week of Feb. 5 to teaching faculty and students. This survey is designed to help us gauge the changing technology needs and interests around campus. It will also provide an opportunity for users of academic technology to voice their needs, comments, and concerns.

Past results have revealed significant needs which have shaped the development of ASSETT's services over the past six years. View our reports, results, and findings through the link below. As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

View previous reports

Tech of the Month

Screencasting Tools

The process of selecting a screencasting tool can be overwhelming, especially considering the sheer volume of available options. If screencasting is something you're interested in, we've provided you with a short list of our favorites.

Tips & Tricks

Screencasting

Over the years, we've consulted with quite a few faculty about screencasting. In our Tips & Tricks section, we link to articles written by Janet Casagrand, Jeffrey Knutsen, and Susan Kent, who have all implemented this technology successfully in their courses.

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