

NEO

New Educator's Orientation

College of Engineering

University of Wisconsin-Madison



SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

7:45 Registration and Complimentary Beverages and Pastries.
Tong Auditorium - Engineering Centers Building.

8:00 Welcome- Steve Cramer, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
Tong Auditorium - Engineering Centers Building

8:15 Resources in the College of Engineering
Tong Auditorium - Engineering Centers Building

Learn about the various useful resources available to you as a Teaching Assistant in the College of Engineering. Simplify your job as a TA by seeking help when required.

Facilitators:

David Lacocque, Psychologist and Counselor, University Health Services.
Paul Oliphant, Senior Information Processing Consultant, CAE.
Diana Wheeler, Instruction Coordinator, Wendt Library.
Sandy Courter, Director, Engineering Learning Center.

9:15 **WORKSHOP 1: THOSE FIRST CLASS DAYS AND BEYOND**
1045 ECB (also offered at 10:55 a.m.)

So, you have an appointment as a TA? What are your responsibilities? What are your common concerns about the first day? How can you get and use feedback from students? How do you make the transition from being an undergraduate student to a TA teaching undergraduates? How do you know the students are learning? Will you also have time for course work and research? Working in small groups, you will come up with answers to these questions. Experienced TAs will share some of their stories. You will also get a chance to critique a videotape of TAs on their first day.

Moderators:

Shaomei He, TA, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Trevor Nesbitt, TA, Engineering Physics
Andrew Agosto, TA, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Adam Pautsch, TA, Mechanical Engineering
Suzanne Ameringe, TA, Nursing
Mark Geurts, TA, Engineering Physics
Sara Kerr, TA, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Sainan Xue, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Facilitators:

Christine Nicometo, NEO Program Director

10:45 **BREAK**

10:55 **WORKSHOP 2: COOPERATIVE & ACTIVE LEARNING**
Tong Auditorium - Engineering Centers Building (also offered at 9:15)

This workshop deals with teaching strategies in your classroom. In addition, multiple approaches to assess student learning as well as using specific tools for grading are covered.

Facilitators:

Sandy Courter, Director, Engineering Learning Center

12:25 **EVALUATION**

12:30 **WORKSHOP LUNCHEON: Creating Effective Teaching and Learning Opportunities with Our Cultural Perspectives**
Tong Auditorium - Engineering Centers Building

Facilitators:

Sandy Courter, Director, Engineering Learning Center.
Luis A. Piñero, Assistant Vice Chancellor.
Jeanne Hendricks, College of Engineering.

Thursday, January 18, 2007

7:45 **Registration and Complimentary Beverages and Pastries**
Engineering Hall Lobby

8:30 **WELCOME - Paul Peercy, Dean, College of Engineering**
1800 Engineering Hall

8:40 **Creating Inclusive Communities in Classrooms, the Workplace, and Beyond**
1800 Engineering Hall

UW Madison's Theater for Cultural and Social Awareness will perform vignettes involving diversity, inclusiveness, and classroom/workplace climate. Patrick Sims, Assistant Professor of Theatre & Drama, and his undergraduate students have designed some clever vignettes that will help us explore sensitive issues in a relaxed yet professional setting. Sims' interactive approach has received positive reviews across campus. The titles are Airplane, The Passage, and Small Talk.

Coordinators:

Patrick Sims, Theatre & Drama

10:15 **ADJOURN TO WORKSHOP**

10:30 **WORKSHOP 3: PRESENTATION SKILLS**
1045 ECB

Preparation and awareness of effective presentation skills will build your credibility as a teacher who knows the material and knows how to help others understand it. This workshop focuses on delivery skills and the opportunities you have to help your students learn. You will have a chance to do a practice presentation and get feedback from your peers.

Coordinators:

Kamal Srinivasan, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Sandeep Bala, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Upadhyaya Ganesh, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Wang Chao, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Bharat Shyam, TA, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Kem Winter, TA, Chemistry

Olivia Johnson, TA, Chemistry

Katherine Rees, TA, Chemistry

Facilitators:

Christine Nicometo, NEO Program Director.

12:25 **OVERALL EVALUATION**

12:30 **ADJOURN**

Some departments have presentations planned. Contact your department for further information.