TILT Taskforce on Graduate Student Professional Development

Program Components

1. GTA Orientation
   - University-wide
   - Departmental
2. Courses in Teaching
   - University-wide
   - Department-specific
3. Workshops
4. Colloquia
5. Lunches/Receptions
6. Fellowships
   - Bridges to the Future (STEM)
   - Alliance for Graduate Education to the Professoriate (STEM)
   - PRSE Fellowships
   - University Fellowships
   - Create a mailing list to stay in contact with Fellows and develop social/professional gatherings for them.
   - Alert Fellows to TILT initiatives, including PFF, workshops, and colloquia
7. Certificate Programs
   - TILT might work in partnership with the Graduate School and other units to develop these certificates.
     - Certificate in College Teaching
     - Certificate in Course Management Systems
     - Certificate in Teaching with Technology
   - The certificates would not be transcripted.
   - We need to consider whether we are looking at awarding certificates on the basis of completion or demonstrated competence.
8. Preparing Future Faculty Program
9. Teaching Awards
10. Graduate Student Organizations Built Around Teaching
    - Reach out to existing organizations, including the Graduate Student Council
    - Consider fostering their development in programs that do not have them
11. Email list for College and Department Graduate Program Coordinators
12. Mentoring Program
    - Classroom Observation (including video recording and review)
    - Mid-Semester Feedback
    - Provide rewards for participating faculty
13. Teaching Collaboratives
    - Peer Observations
    - Meetings
    - Exchange of teaching materials
14. Web-based Materials
• For Graduate Students (handouts, demonstrations, characteristics of strong teachers)
• For Departments (program design, key issues discussions)
• For Mentoring Program (one guide for faculty; another for graduate students)
• Bank of Lesson Plans
• Teaching Portfolios (using the new tool developed for the Writing Studio)
• Online Community for Graduate Students (possibly based on the Writing Studio Social Networking Tools, e.g., personal pages, blogs, customization, commenting on teaching portfolios)

15. Disability awareness programs
16. Diversity awareness programs