

Renegade Roundup



...Learning in Community

April 18, 2013

Colleagues:

Here are two learning opportunities for us next week:

MOOCs

Quite a few of us have begun to think about MOOCs. Massive Open Online Courses have been center-stage in thought about the future of higher education for a year now, and the conversation isn't ebbing. Judy Woodruff introduced the January PBS piece on MOOCs as "One of the hottest issues in higher education these days..." while Spencer Michels offered that "The classes are called MOOCs, or massive open online courses, and they may be revolutionizing higher education." <http://tinyurl.com/a6mkusv>. The Chronicle of Higher Education is even running a "MOOC Madness" Special Report at the moment. <http://tinyurl.com/c6plw2d>.

You are invited to deepen the conversation about and to help think-through moocs here at BC. It's always nice to be in on an important discussion from the beginning, especially one with so much potential impact on all of us. Even if moocs are new to you, the dialogue is just starting. The New York Times overview of MOOCs was just posted on Youtube a couple months ago, after all. http://youtu.be/KqQNvmQH_YM.

We (Michael Korcok, Michael McNellis, Rafael Espericueta, Todd Coston, and Sonya Christian) are meeting on Thursday April 25th from 12:30 to 2:00 at the Levan Center to begin the campus-wide think-through about MOOCs. Your interest, energy, ideas, and perspective could help develop how Bakersfield College engages with MOOCs. This first public discussion will be divided into a general discussion about MOOCs for the first 45 minutes and a more in-depth policy and pedagogy discussion in the second segment. So whether your interest is just to share a few initial thoughts or whether it's to get into the nitty-gritty of MOOCs, come join us.

Emergency Preparedness

On Wednesday, April 24, Sergeant Chris Counts and PIO Amber Chiang will present a series of informational sessions designed to help us better understand our role in emergency preparedness at Bakersfield College. The sessions will be on Wednesday, April 24, at 10

a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. in the Levan Center.

Each session will begin with a PowerPoint on emergency preparedness. Following the presentation, the presenters show "Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes" and end the session with a Q&A on emergency preparedness. The overall session should take about an hour, depending on the length of the Q&A.

I plan on attending the 1:00 p.m. session.

That's all for now..... Until next time.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,

Sonya