Faculty and Staff Resources/Practices

Teaching about Information Literacy and Plagiarism

Thomas University (Georgia) has developed materials (attached with this newsletter) that they have found to be effective in increasing students’ information literacy while also helping them understand what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. The materials are intended for use with first-year students, but have also been used in faculty development workshops as well as by TU’s Student and Honor Council, which has used them for educational purposes with students who have been found guilty of plagiarism. For further information contact: John Meis, Associate VPAA. jmeis@thomasu.edu.

Metropolitan College of New York (New York) librarians recommend Cora: Community of Online Research Assignments (http://www.projectcora.org) as a good resource for information literacy. This is an “open access resource for faculty and librarians. It is intended to be a collaborative space for adapting and experimenting with research assignments and sharing the success or lessons learned so that others may benefit… A Teaching Toolkit features a wide range of resource types including pedagogy/theory, assessment, librarian blogs, classroom activities, technology tips, subject guides, citation tools, and information literacy tutorials.” For further information contact: Kate Adler, Director of Library Services. kadler@mcny.edu.

Institutional Resources/Practices

Innovative Approaches to Financial Aid:

Union College (Kentucky) gives students the opportunity to get their last semester tuition free if they maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, participate in activities on and off campus, and finish in four years. Early results show positive effect on persistence and retention. For further information contact: Craig Grooms, VP of Enrollment Management. cgrooms@unionky.edu.

YWMC Program and Membership Opportunities

The YWM Student Exchange Program has recently welcomed two new members: Bacone College (Oklahoma) and Huston-Tillotson University (Texas). See their information at: http://yeswemustcoalition.org/studentexchange/exchange.html. For information about joining the YWM Student Exchange, contact Nia Chester, YWM Program Manager. niachester@gmail.com.

New Employment Listings for positions within the YWM membership have been posted this month. See: http://yeswemustcoalition.org/employment.html.