Maymester is a three-week summer term nestled between the close of spring and summer semesters (Tuesday, May 18 – Friday, June 4). In order to assist faculty members who are planning to teach a Maymester course with re-formatting an existing course or developing a new course into the three-week format, the Center for Faculty Development will sponsor a five-hour workshop followed by a two-hour “special topics” workshop during the spring semester. Faculty members, new to Maymester, are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop; stipends will be provided to faculty members who are new to Maymester and who complete the workshop and develop a Maymester syllabus.

Content of the Workshop

- Constructing a syllabus for the three-week format—organizing the content and providing information about attendance/participation, grading, and so on.
- Teaching “tips” appropriate for this format, including pacing the presentation of information, structuring class time to optimize learning and minimize fatigue, and the best uses of class activities, assignments, Blackboard and other technologies, and so on.
- Syllabi from 2009 Maymester courses will be shared, and faculty who have taught this condensed-format courses in 2009 will be available to answer questions and share ideas for a successful Maymester.

Days and Times

The workshop consists of two sessions. The first is a five-hour session.

- Friday, February 5, 2010, 9:00 – 2:00 (lunch provided)
  Auraria Library Learning Environment Center

The second session is an optional two-hour follow-up session, during which participants will receive hands-on assistance with their draft syllabus, other teaching materials, instructional ideas, etc.

- Friday, February 26, 2010, 10:00 – 12:00
  Location TBA

Expectations for Participating Faculty

- Attend the entire five-hour workshop
- Develop a syllabus for the Maymester course
- Participate in the evaluation of Maymester after the term concludes. This will likely include completing an evaluation questionnaire and participating in a focus group and/or individual interview

Stipends

A $1,000 stipend will be offered. Participating faculty members will receive the stipend upon completion of the workshop and submitting the syllabus to the Director for the Center for Faculty Development. Faculty members scheduled to teach a Maymester course will be contacted later this semester and/or early next semester with additional information about the workshop.

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