

## Friday @ the Center: May 23, 2008

### One More File Building Workshop

One more file building session for those faculty planning to apply for tenure, promotion, or third-year review during the next academic year will be held on Thursday, May 29, from 1:00 – 1:50 pm in McKenna 111. This will be a useful information session for anyone planning to prepare a promotion and/or tenure files next year and for asking questions regarding the role of the Faculty Status Committee in recommending tenure or promotion. For more information, contact Rick Ridgway, Chair of the Faculty Status Committee at [rridgway@spu.edu](mailto:rridgway@spu.edu).

### Spring On-Line Course Evaluations

Course instructors have until **11:59 pm on Sunday, May 25**, to make changes to their on-line course evaluation forms and questions. Students will receive an email on Monday, May 26, prompting them to begin filling out their evaluations, and if you want a good rate of return on your evaluations—both for your own development and for including in your promotion file—it is imperative that you continually remind, ok—nag, your students to complete their evaluations. If you don't emphasize their importance, the course evaluations will fall to the bottom of the priority list for your students. Remember to remind students orally at least three times over the final week of class about the process.

In response to requests primarily from graduate students, the Faculty Development Committee decided several quarters ago to extend the open evaluation period. This term students will have until **Sunday, June 15 at 11:59 pm** to complete their evaluations, but if you are using the participation point or extra credit carrot, you will need to require that students finish before that point.

### School of Psychology, Family, and Community Research Conference

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual SPFC Research Conference takes place on Wed., May 28, from 10 am to 4 pm in Upper Gwinn. Students in Clinical Psychology, Industrial / Organizational Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Undergraduate Psychology will be sharing their research in the form of presentations and posters. Dr. David McKenna, former President of SPU, will deliver the 2008 Faith Integration Lecture, "Faith at Work: A Lifetime of Learning," at 2 pm. All are invited to join in this celebration of student research and thinking about faith and learning.

### Focus on Teaching: Learning from Each Other

This year's faculty development component of our in-service day on June 2 will celebrate and highlight teaching. Participants will hear some exciting news about a new SPU teaching award to be inaugurated in the 2009-2010 academic year and will have the opportunity to add to their own pedagogical prowess by learning from some experts in the field—SPU faculty. Five faculty members selected by the Faculty Development Committee will make brief presentations of a Best Teaching Idea, and participants will then be able to learn more about a particular strategy by joining a round-table discussion led by each presenter. This event begins with coffee and conversation at 8:30 am in Upper Gwinn. See you there!

NOTE: *Friday @ the Center* will not appear next week, but will once again add to the contents of your overflowing mailbox on June 6—Ivy Day.



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