

# Academic Planning Bulletin #32

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## ***Launch of the Centre for Academic and Faculty Development Web Page***

*For the past eight months a great deal of work has been undertaken to create a new integrated web page for the Centre for Academic and Faculty Development (CAFD). The CAFD home page is now available under the Employee tab on the Douglas College web page; scroll down to the bottom of the resources list and click on Centre for Academic and Faculty Development. The CAFD home page features the range of service and programs offered through the Centre. Four points of information and access are highlighted on the home page: About CAFD, Faculty Development, Research and Scholarly Activity, and Program Review and Renewal.*

*The Research and Scholarly Activity page is complete; however, the Faculty Development page is still being revised and will be completed by the end of the summer. The posting of information on the Faculty Development page is in keeping with the College's stewardship efforts toward reducing our consumption of paper resources. The Program Review and Renewal page will grow as the structures and processes for program review and renewal are built over the next few months.*

*The Centre for Academic and Faculty Development will play a critically important role as the College moves forward with achievement of the following goal, included as one of three key goals in the Academic Plan: **"Douglas College will provide leading edge, evidence based programs and faculty development opportunities."** The CAFD web page will help faculty and staff access the resources offered through the Centre.*

## ***Metro Educational Developers Consortium***

*The Metro Educational Developers Consortium is another exciting development that will also help faculty and staff gain increased access to professional development. This consortium seeks to pool the educational development expertise at BCIT, Douglas, Kwantlen, Simon Fraser University and Vancouver Community College to leverage the professional development expertise at each of these institutions and expand professional development opportunities for employees.*

*The overarching purposes of the consortium are:*

- promote cross-institutional sharing of high quality PD expertise and learning objects that relate to post-secondary teaching and learning*
- encourage cross-institutional faculty dialogue and reflection on teaching and learning*
- allow for more sustainable ways of providing PD for faculty*
- open pathways toward cost sharing for expert presenters, collaborative projects or other shared PD undertakings*
- allow for greater time and resource efficiency and synergy*

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*Notification of PD activities or events that are open to Douglas employees at other Metro Educational institutions will be posted on the CAFD web page.*

## ***4th Annual Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Research and Scholarly Activity***

*This year, after hosting three very successful celebration events on the New Westminster Campus, we will be hosting the Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Research and Scholarly Activity, for the first time, on the David Lam Campus on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm**. This college-wide event provides an opportunity to showcase teaching and learning, scholarly activity, research, and innovative curricular design and student services.*

*Please come and join your colleagues, College Board members, and invited guests from S.D. #43 and the Coquitlam community in the DLC Atrium on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. Music, a no host bar, hors d'oeuvres and intriguing displays, such as " Changing Attitudes about the Beauty, Power, Usefulness and Fun of Mathematics in First Year Astronomy and Introductory Computer Courses", will be provided.*

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