

**Today is January 29,
2016**

Dates

Feb 1 Caucus! (Be there by 7 pm). It's okay to let Monday night classes out early or to excuse students to caucus.

Feb 8 The writing workshop opens for students.

Dragon for Mac

Dragon for Mac is a software program that was purchased with technology fees by the SOE. It is installed on the desktop computer in Jean Hansen's office in the garden level (B7) and is available for your use. This software allows you to create a transcript of a lecture by simply speaking into a microphone. You have to get used to speaking in a way that adds capitals and punctuation, and there are some minor corrections necessary after the fact, but they are minimal.

x3002

New extension for classroom technology emergencies (271-3002 if you are off campus).

Reminders

The online course validation system shuts down a week after the course start date. Validate your courses if you forgot!

WiFi

We had an issue with the wifi connection timing out in the SOE on Tuesday morning. Faculty and staff can plug into ethernet if this happens again (adaptors available from Jonathan Dixon if you need one). When a lot of people are trying to access the internet, if you aren't using your device, it would be helpful for you to turn yours off (disconnect wifi) to make it possible for others to get online.

Invite and more info

Teaching and Learning Seminars – the first seminar of the spring semester is on Tuesday, February 2, 4:15-5:15 pm, SOE, B06A

These monthly seminars provide an opportunity for sharing information and having conversations about important educational topics.

Thank you to Shelley Fairbairn for being the first presenter this semester!

Please promote these to your students and also feel free to invite other educators outside of Drake.

Student Teaching Sign-up Meeting for fall 2016 – Thursday, February 4 @ 10:45-11:45 or 3:30-4:30 pm, SOE Computer lab
Applications are due to Amy Holderied-Smith by February 12 at 4 pm. The new Ch. 79 rules are in effect for this group.

“Fuel Up” Event in preparation for IACTE Day at the Capitol – Monday, February 8, 5:30 pm, Upper Iowa University

IACTE Day at the Capitol – Tuesday, February 9, 7:30-9:15 am
Please promote both of these events to your students. (They will

This software can also be used to generate a transcript for a video. There is a bit of additional work necessary to correct misspellings or misunderstandings, and to add capitals and periods to finalize the transcript in this situation, but this program provides a fairly user-friendly alternative to captioning. If you would like a demo of this software, if you have any questions, or if you would like further information please contact Jean Hansen.

be happy to know that food is included for each event!).
Education Career Event with DMPS – Thursday, February 18,
5:00-5:30 pm, Olmsted Center
Please promote this to teachers and would-be teachers.
All students are encouraged to attend.

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