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*The Center for Teaching and Learning*

AY07/08 Annual Report

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## The Program

During the AY07/08, the Center for Teaching and Learning was host to just under 1,100 faculty, staff, and students who participated in a wide array of programs and events. By any measurement – whether by number of participants or events, or because of the addition of original programming – it was our most successful year yet.

In keeping with past years, the schedule of events was dynamic. The Center retained the Faculty Speakers' Series and hosted a myriad of "brownbag" events; these ranged over a variety of topics, including innovative instructional technologies, novel library resources, the assessment of student achievement, writing across the curriculum, and grant writing.

To complement our faculty book signings, we introduced a series of artists' presentations, and these have now become among our most popular events.



("SPUDNIK," by Jeff Warmouth)

## The Mission

The core mission of the CTL has remained the same: the CTL staff are committed to enhancing the teaching and learning environment at Fitchburg State College through the encouragement of interdisciplinary collaboration and by providing a wide variety of professional development opportunities for full-time, tenure-track and adjunct faculty and librarians.

Moreover, we offer a wide variety of services to our patrons. We have both slide and flatbed scanners for the reproduction of images and documents, along with a host of software for the manipulation of those files for instructional technology purposes. We also provide a digital conference phone for interviews or long-distance meetings; and on a limited basis we offer video- and audio-editing.

## A New Website

The most significant innovation at the CTL during the past academic year is found on the website (<http://www.fsc.edu/ctl/>). In the summer of 2007, the staff began investing in interactive "Web 2.0" technologies: beginning with the annual "Summer Institute," audio for more than thirty Center events was captured, edited, and podcast from the new site; more than twenty hours of audio recordings have now been posted online.

The subject matter of these podcasts was as varied as the program, and our hope is to build an online library of professional development workshops ready for use at any hour of the day or night.



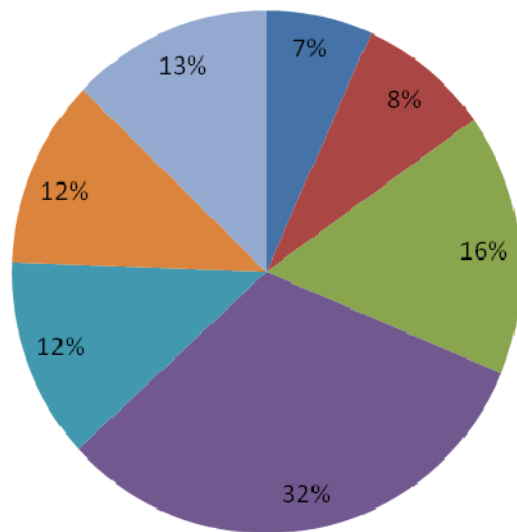
## Faculty Innovation Grants

Each year the Center for Teaching and Learning encourages the use and development of innovative methods of technologies in the classroom through its sponsorship of Faculty Innovation Grants.

This past academic year four grants were awarded to Profs. Bornali Bhandari and Pirudas Lwamugira for their work with the data analysis software package, STATA; to Prof. Ellen Borsuk for her work on reading assessment and instruction; to Profs. Tom Schoenfeld and George Babich for their work on classroom response systems (a.k.a. "clickers"); and to Prof. Josh Spero for his work on simulated crisis management decision making.

## AY07/08 Events:

- Summer Institute
- Faculty Speaker Series
- Instructional Technology/Vendor Presentations
- Research Groups/Program Planning
- Brownbag Discussions
- Luncheons and Conversations
- Drop-ins



## Event Attendance:

