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February

Date	Time	Location	Session Topic
Wednesday, February 5th	3:30 – 4:30	CTL (Founders 8)	The Power of Play: Creating Engaging Learning Experiences in Higher Education (Inclusive Teaching Excellence Series)
Friday, February 7th	3:30 – 5:00	CTL (Founders 8)	Book Club (Registration closed)
Monday, February 10th	3:30 – 4:30	CTL (Founders 8) Virtual	Universal Design: Reimagining Course Accessibility (Online Pedagogy) (Inclusive Teaching Excellence Series)
Wednesday, February 12th	3:30 – 4:30	CTL (Founders 8) Virtual	Lead Our Faculty Pod by Serving on the Faculty Executive Committee
Friday, February 14th	12:30 – 1:30	CTL (Founders 8)	Forecasted Budget Template for Curriculum Proposals
Wednesday, February 19th	3:30 – 5:00	CTL (Founders 8)	New Faculty: Keys to Supporting Students' Needs (Registration closed)
Thursday, February 20th	3:30 – 4:30	Virtual	Blackboard Rubrics (Bb Skills)
Friday, February 21st	1:30 – 3:00	CTL (Founders 8)	AI Explorer 2 (Registration closed)
Friday, February 21st	3:30 – 5:00	CTL (Founders 8)	Book Club (Registration closed)
Tuesday, February 25th	3:30 – 4:30	CTL (Founders 8)	Visual Impact: Creating Compelling Infographics (Digital Teaching Toolkit Series)

The Power of Play: Creating Engaging Learning Experiences in Higher Education
Wednesday, February 5th; 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Founders 8
Inclusive Teaching Excellence Series

This workshop explores incorporating fun, play, and humor into the learning process. Participants will learn how to create a classroom environment that enhances student engagement, motivation, and learning outcomes while also reducing stress for both students and faculty.

Book Club
Friday, February 7th; 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Founders 8 (Registration Closed)

Universal Design: Reimagining Course Accessibility
Monday, February 10th; 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Founders 8 & Virtual
Online Pedagogy and Inclusive Teaching Excellence Series

In this session, we will explore the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and its application in creating inclusive learning experiences for learners with diverse needs. Learn how to integrate UDL principles into course design processes, including designing course materials, assessments, and activities, specifically in online learning. Discover the role of technology—including Blackboard Ultra—in supporting UDL implementation, including accessible design, multimedia integration, and adaptive learning tools. Gain practical strategies to foster inclusivity and accessibility in educational environments.

Lead Our Faculty Pod by Serving on the Faculty Executive Committee
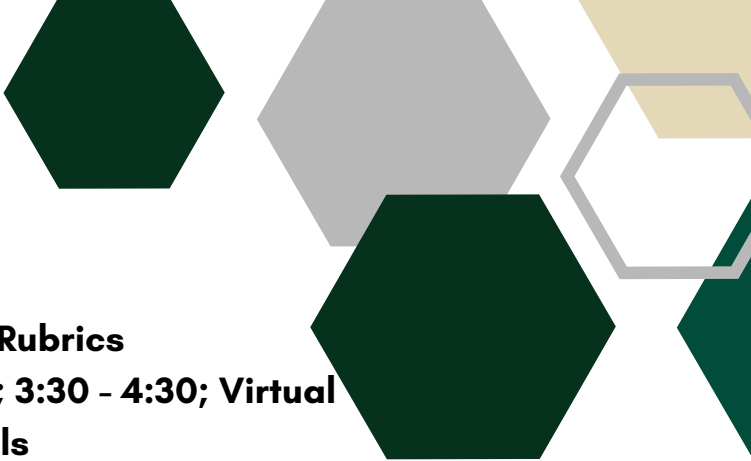**Wednesday, February 12th; 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Founders 8**

Join the Faculty Executive Committee in a conversation regarding the positions held on the Faculty Executive Committee. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions will be held in March with elections in April. This session will also serve as an open forum to provide your thoughts on shared governance & faculty governance at JU.

Forecasted Budget Template for Curriculum Proposals
Friday, February 14th; 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm; Founders 8

The Planning and Budget committee's requires a standardized forecasted budget template that faculty must complete with curriculum proposals. This session will provide guidance on navigating the template and explain aligning budgetary details with proposed curriculum.

New Faculty: Keys to Supporting Students' Needs
Wednesday, February 19th; 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Founders 8 (New Faculty Only)

Blackboard Rubrics
Thursday, February 20th; 3:30 - 4:30; Virtual
Bb Skills

This professional development session will demystify Blackboard's rubric functionality, providing faculty with practical strategies for creating, applying, and leveraging robust assessment tools. Participants will learn how to design clear, comprehensive rubrics that enhance grading consistency, provide transparent evaluation criteria, and offer meaningful feedback to students. The session will cover step-by-step techniques for building rubrics within the Blackboard platform, including customization options, integration with assignments, and methods for using rubrics to support student learning and academic growth. Additionally, we will explore Blackboard's AI rubric generator. Attendees will gain hands-on experience transforming their assessment practices through effective rubric design and implementation.

AI Explorer 2
Friday, February 21st; 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm; Founders 8 (Registration Closed)

Book Club
Friday, February 21st; 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Founders 8 (Registration Closed)

Visual Impact: Creating Compelling Infographics
Digital Teaching Toolkit Series
Tuesday, February 25th; 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Founders 8

This professional development session will explore the art and science of designing impactful infographics that transform complex information into visually engaging learning resources. Participants will learn fundamental design principles, data visualization techniques, and practical tools for creating compelling graphics that enhance student comprehension and communication across disciplines. The workshop will provide hands-on guidance for selecting appropriate visual elements, organizing content effectively, and leveraging digital design platforms to produce professional-quality infographics. Attendees will leave equipped with strategies to create visual materials that not only convey information clearly but also inspire and motivate student learning.