

Professional Development Grant Final Report  
Project Title: The Teaching Professor Conference  
Awarded Spring 2007

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### **Restatement of Professional Enhancement Opportunity**

The applicant requested funding to attend a three day conference in Atlanta, GA on effective teaching methods. The conference was organized by the publishers of *The Teaching Professor* journal and was entitled The Teaching Professor Conference. The purpose was to attend and actively participate in a conference designed to educate, engage, and inspire the teaching professor. See the listing of concurrent sessions attended in the appendix.

### **Brief Review of the Professional Enhancement Opportunity**

A grant was provided to cover travel and registration fee for this conference. Transporting faculty to this conference will inform, motivate, and inspire faculty through plenary sessions and workshops in scholarship of teaching, technology, undergraduate research, faculty growth, resilience and change, learning, and the pedagogies of engagement. See the listing of topics attached in the appendix.

### **Summary of Experiences Had**

The faculty member traveled to Atlanta, GA and attended The Teaching Professor Conference on May 18 through the 20, 2007. The goal of this conference was to educate, engage, and inspire participants. It was deemed to have been effective in meeting this objective.

### **Conclusions and recommendations**

The conference was motivating to the faculty. Information was obtained that can be used in the classroom for more effective teaching and student interaction. The faculty member would highly recommend this conference to teaching professors of all disciplines. Materials from the conference will be shared with others and presented to other accounting faculty.

## Budget

### Actual Spending:

Conference registration	\$ 389.00
Airfare, round trip from Little Rock to Atlanta	287.60
Mileage, round trip to Little Rock airport, 176 miles at .42 per mile	73.92
Taxi, round trip from Atlanta airport to downtown	0.00
Hotel, 3 nights at 119 per night	357.00
Food	63.25
Parking at airport	33.00
Time the PI/PD will devote to the project, 3 days	<u>0.00</u>

Total Actual Spending	1,203.77
Total Budget	<u>1,254.00</u>
Excess	<b>\$ 50.23</b>

## Listing of Concurrent Sessions Attended

Beyond the Bloody Red Pen: Classroom Assessment That Promotes Learning  
Presenter: Karen Eifler, associate professor, University of Portland

Active Learning Techniques for Introductory Courses  
This material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation.  
Presenter: Keith Whittington, assistant professor, Rochester Institute of Technology

Teaching Critical Thinking Skills: Shifting Bloom's Paradigm  
Presenters: Veda Brown, Del Stewart, Rance Morris, Jourdan Renfro, and Lisa Harris,  
Prairie View A & M University of Texas

The Challenge of Change: Increasing Student Motivation  
Presenters: Debra A. Murray, Viterbo University and Colin Ward, Oakland University  
Michigan

Intergenerational Learning  
Presenter: Vickie S. Cook, University of Illinois at Springfield

Empowering Students to Learn: Experiential and Reflective Approaches  
Presenter: Regina Clark, Ramapo College of New Jersey