



WAKONSE

· INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE TEACHING ·

Wakonse colleagues:

The Wakonse Conference is unique in viewing every participant as a valuable learning resource. We maintain a focus on the collegial sharing of philosophies, ideas, experiences, and techniques related to our teaching, our careers, and our lives.

We also support another form of idea-sharing: the TEACHING MATERIALS EXCHANGE. In this message I want to tell you how it will work and urge you to participate by bringing some of your materials to Wakonse to share with the rest of us.

I know that most of you have developed teaching materials you'd be willing to share with others. These materials are often useful for colleagues in many disciplines. Maybe it's a set of guidelines you distribute to your students for keeping a journal of their course reflections. Maybe it's a syllabus for a new Internet-based course. Maybe you've prepared guidelines for students on "how to write a book review." Maybe you've developed some "get-acquainted" exercises that you use on the first day of class. I plan to bring a peer rating form that I use for students to evaluate their team members after completing project work.

We can all benefit from your sharing of these kinds of materials. Here's what we ask you to do:

- (1) Bring 15 copies (if possible) of your handout/exercise to share.
- (2) Place your copies in a folder (preferably a manila folder--the type that is open on one side only; or place a rubber band around a "regular" manila folder to keep everything together).
- (3) Affix a copy of your business card to the front of the folder. In addition, in most cases it will be useful to provide a very brief description of your materials and how you use them (e.g. 3 X 5 card affixed to front of folder). Of course, individual Wakonse fellows and students may seek you out for additional information or discussion of your materials and how you use them.

As you check in onsite for the Conference, we will try to obtain your materials for the exchange. We'll place all the materials in an easily accessible place, so attendees can browse (and take copies of your materials) at their leisure. This will probably be in the "Welcome Center" in the building known as Upper Tipi.

You are also invited to bring single copies of books on teaching, copyrighted exercises, simulations, or other resources you are willing to make available on a "display only" basis at the conference. Please be sure to mark these materials with your name or business card. Thanks for participating in the exchange!

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