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Subject: Faculty Development Workshop

Dear Colleagues,

My office has partnered with the Office of the Dean of Faculties to offer the following workshop. Please consider attending.

Triggered by a Comment? Now What?

Have you ever been engaged in a classroom, advising situation, or faculty meeting that took an unexpected turn when someone offered a comment that you handled, but later were personally dissatisfied with the way you addressed the situation? Sometimes we find ourselves "frozen" in the moment, unable to respond as thoughtfully and productively as we would like. In some situations, these triggers may have been associated with gender or race; in other situations, these triggers may have been connected with broader interpretations of diversity. Dr. Kathy Obear, president of Alliance for Change <<http://www.allianceforchange.com/index.html>> , an independent consulting firm that has worked with numerous universities around the country, will utilize participant-generated case studies to facilitate a discussion about how our "triggers" impede our ability to respond effectively and offer concepts and tools that could be used to respond in ways that are more personally satisfying and effective. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss effective interventions.

Faculty members who wish to submit Texas A&M University-specific scenarios as possible case studies should send them to Jeff Froyd, Director of Faculty and Organizational Development (froyd@tamu.edu), no later than Monday, 1 September 2008.

Please use the following link to register to attend the workshop
<http://dof.tamu.edu/develop/>.

I hope to see you there.

Tito

