

TO: TLAC Members  
FR: Liz Monske  
DA: February 29, 2016  
RE: Conference Monies Request

I am requesting a Conference Grant Award for this semester. This award will allow me to attend the Computers and Writing Conference at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, May 19-22. (I would travel from May 18-22.)

The Computers and Writing Conference is one that connects theory, pedagogy, and practice. This year, the theme is Crossing Wires: Reaching Across Campus, Between Disciplines, and Into Communities. This year's theme is particularly important as I work with Quality Matters for evaluating the course design of my online courses and assist my colleagues. It is also pertinent to the work that I am doing with the Extended Learning and Community Engagement Advisory Work Group, as it will generate panels and presentations of what others are doing in these efforts across the nation.

Every year that I attend this conference, I am able to bring back ideas for classroom improvement for all of my courses, which range from developmental composition to graduate level pedagogy courses. This conference also provides opportunities for me to network with colleagues that expand my research and to collaborate on various projects, which is how this workshop and panel came about this year.

I was accepted to present on a panel and facilitate a pre-conference half-day workshop, both focusing on online writing instruction and community.

With the criteria listed on the proposal, I meet several of the criteria:

- As a faculty member who teaches pedagogy courses and publishes on teaching issues, I have demonstrated interest in teaching and pedagogical issues, including scholarship of teaching.
- As a faculty member who is going up for professor this year, I am a senior faculty member seeking ideas for updating or remodeling some aspect of their pedagogy.
- As a faculty member who works closely with contingent faculty, graduate teaching assistants, I will share conference information with the university community about what constitutes excellence in teaching and learning. Dr. Terry Delpier has also asked me to speak at one of the CTL events next year while I am on sabbatical, and the panel/workshop I will be presenting would make an appropriate presentation. What I will learn at this conference will also add to anything I could offer to the NMU community.
- As I mentioned previously, I am also presenting at the conference.

For this conference, my approximate budget total would be \$1065. It would include the following:

Registration Fee \$200 (Includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners)

Hotel/Dorm Room 4 nights x (60+tax) = \$240

Flight = \$400-500

Rental Car in Rochester = \$125

This conference is one that provides valuable information for my professional development. Thank you for your consideration.