Introduction to Team-Based Learning

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8:00 am Breakfast (Continental style provided in Alumni House)

8:30 am Part 1: Designing Group Work that Really Works

In this session, you will engage in a series of activities that demonstrate why most problems with learning groups are caused by poorly designed assignments. In addition, you will learn about four keys that will enable you to design group assignments that: 1) are effective for developing students’ application and critical-thinking skills, 2) promote positive student attitudes about group work, 3) can be graded easily and fairly and, 4) can be used with any level of students and in classes of up to several hundred students.

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Part 1 continued

12:00 pm LUNCH (provided in Alumni House)

12:45-1:00 pm Part 2: Getting Beyond Covering Content

This part of the workshop will begin with a demonstration of a Readiness Assurance Process that is an effective approach for dealing with this dilemma by creating conditions that motivate the vast majority of students to complete pre-class reading assignments. This enables teachers to spend most of the class time focusing on content applications without reducing the number of concepts that are covered. Following the demonstration, we will explore additional issues and concerns about using learning groups including:

1) Building groups into self-managed learning teams with norms that promote high levels of individual preparation, content engagement and class attendance.

2) Coping with the mechanics (e.g. physical layout, materials and exams, classroom procedures, grading, etc.).

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Part 2 continued

4:15 pm Summary

4:30 pm Adjourn.

Note: Part 1 conducted as scheduled on Feb 12. Campus closed early due to weather requiring Part 2 to be rescheduled for Feb. 25.
2014 Quality Enhancement Plan Summer Workshop

Dr. Larry K. Michaelsen will be conducting a Team-Based Learning workshop on July 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and July 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the TEAM USA Classroom. This will be the third year Dr. Michaelsen has conducted a workshop for QEP faculty.

Dr. Michaelsen is Professor of Management at Central Missouri State University and is the David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus at the University of Oklahoma, a Carnegie Scholar, a Fulbright Senior Scholar, and former Editor of the Journal of Management Education. He is active in faculty and staff development activities and has conducted workshops on teaching effectively with small groups in a wide variety of university and corporate settings.

Dr. Michaelsen has also received numerous college, university, and national awards for his outstanding teaching and for his pioneering work in two areas. One is the development of Team-Based Learning, a comprehensive small-group based instructional process that is now being used in over 100 academic disciplines on over 200 campuses in the United States and in eight foreign countries. The other is an Integrative Business Experience (IBE) program that links student learning in three core courses to their experience in creating and operating an actual start-up business whose profits are used to fund a hands-on community service project.

Additional information regarding Dr. Michaelsen and Team-Based Learning may be found on the Team-Based Learning Collaborative website at http://www.teambasedlearning.org/.