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ABOUT CETL

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) aims to enhance students' learning experiences at UAE University, by improving the way faculty and instructors teach their courses. CETL is composed of the following three units:

1. **The Teaching Scholarship & Assessment Unit**. This unit arranges comprehensive support for faculty who would like to conduct and publish research on their teaching methodology. It also performs classroom observations for faculty who request informal feedback about their teaching ability.

2. **The Instructional Design Unit**. This unit specialises in helping faculty to enhance the overall design and delivery of their courses, by assisting them with the creation of interactive course content, updated curriculum design, and the support for transforming courses to a 'Smart' or 'Blended' format.

3. **Faculty Professional Development Unit**. This unit focuses on providing professional development presentations, workshops, and seminars, which focus on a variety of topics pertaining to emerging teaching pedagogies and innovative usage of educational technology.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CETL's primary objective is to enhance teaching and learning at UAEU by improving the way in which faculty and instructors teach. To achieve this aim, CETL provides regular faculty professional development activities, in the form of seminars, presentations, forums, symposiums, hands-on workshops and 1 to 1 consultancy. In addition to providing face-to-face support, CETL also provides faculty 24-hour access to a bank of online professional development resources.

FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

The CETL Faculty Fellows Program is structured to give outstanding faculty members and instructors an opportunity to serve in a leadership role by leading the faculty professional development activities and events that occur at UAEU. The Faculty Fellows are selected through an application process and based on their demonstrated unique skills and abilities, promote excellence in teaching and learning at UAEU a dynamic and engaging experience.

SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

CETL's Teaching Scholarship & Assessment Unit arranges comprehensive support for faculty who would like to conduct and publish research on their teaching methodology. It also provides a peer-mentoring service for faculty who request informal classroom observations, in order to receive meaningful feedback about their teaching ability from senior colleagues.

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INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

CETL takes great pride in promoting, encouraging, and fostering innovation in teaching amongst the UAEU teaching community. This is achieved through a number of key initiatives, such as the 'Smart Learning' course transformation project, which aims to help faculty throughout UAEU enhance the overall structure and delivery of their courses. Course transformations occur during one academic

year by consulting faculty on their existing curricula, holding bespoke pedagogy-focused training sessions, and supporting them with the development of appropriate edtech-enabled teaching resources.

BLENDED COURSE TRANSFORMATIONS

The Blended Teaching & Learning initiative builds upon the 'Smart Learning' project by adding an online component to the course transformation. This enables faculty to deliver some lessons via traditional face-to-face teaching, coupled with other lessons that are taught via online instruction. This initiative is being managed by CETL with the support of the Smart Teaching & Learning Committee.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

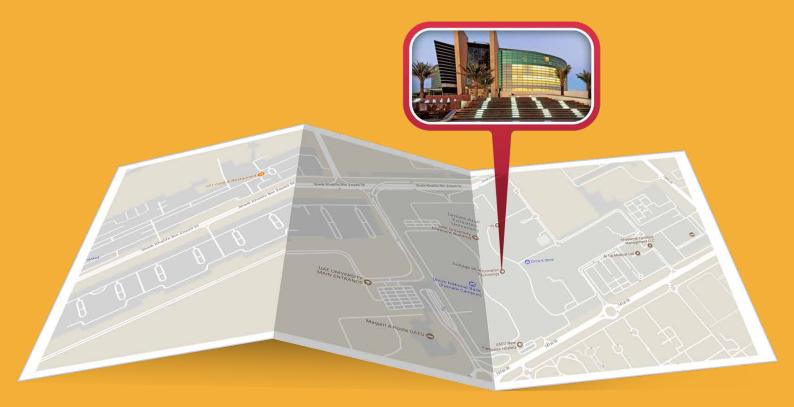
Faculty at UAEU are experts in their respective fields, but often lack the pedagogical and technological knowledge necessary for designing high quality digital teaching materials alone. CETL provides guidance and support to faculty with the instructional design aspects of their courses. Together, we help faculty throughout the entire institution to deliver world-class level teaching.

e-TEXTBOOKS

CETL has played a leading role in facilitating UAEU's transition from traditional (printed) textbooks to the usage of digital textbooks (i.e. ebooks). During 2017, with the support of CETL, approximately 40% of taught courses at UAEU successfully made the transition to digital textbook usage. Another 40% of courses are going through this process in 2018, and it is hoped that all taught courses will use digital textbooks in 2019.







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