

One College Initiative

Center for Teaching and Learning

How does CTL advance the mission of the college?

Disclaimer. I am writing this *solo* as Director to meet the October 20 deadline, although it is my hope that soon this will be a question answered by the entire CTL leadership team and with input from the Committee on Faculty Development. In the practical view of recent history and deadline, I offer the following as my sense of the ways CTL programs and activities advance the College mission.

Key ideas:

- As the Center for Teaching and Learning, our focused activities on effective pedagogy in every field, the development of scholarship, scholarly activity, and professional work as academics, and the commitment to faculty and staff contributions to teaching and learning are at the heart of our mission to provide a “**high quality education**”. Carol Knicker’s leadership will expand these opportunities.
- Our new initiative in course and instructional design reflects our efforts to advance the teaching and learning core--our reason for existing as an institution--across a variety of programs and populations with **diverse** and common needs. Our leadership under Stu Anderson strengthens this commitment and the work of Carol and Stu will complement each other in the larger picture.
- Our new CTL space in Lindell and new commitment to the integration of faculty development, technology and library resources brings together colleagues and skills in a way that has not yet fully been taken advantage of to serve our students.
- The attention of the most recent Bush Grant on the AugCore Curriculum also advances the mission in every respect. It is the synergy of all the AugCore components taught and learned in the most effective ways possible (something we *strive* for) that is central and energizing. From

Search for Meaning and Keystones as anchors of our **faith and values** to infusion of **diversity and skills** to engaging Minneapolis as our **urban home**, we (CTL) are here to support in all ways the work of faculty and many staff to help students succeed.

- Our own mission statement is direct and focused in a way that I think responds to the question posed.
 - The Center for Teaching and Learning at Augsburg College engages and sustains faculty and staff, departments and programs, in supporting student learning success. Our activities and services encourage professional, scholarly and teaching development at every stage of an Augsburg career. Collaboration, recognition of excellence, and the importance of autonomy and efficacy are the guiding principles for achieving this mission.

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