

RFP – August 2020 BSU Today! Call for Presentations

Dear Colleagues:

The current global pandemic has required each one of us to rethink how we engage with our students, prospective students, and one another. We are learning each day and have adapted in new ways along with others in higher education who are using creativity and ingenuity to deliver high quality learning experiences and responsive student services while maintaining our protocol for social distancing.

I am pleased to provide you with an opportunity to continue to use your creativity, modeling all that we teach our students about critically thinking as we engage with one another in solving problems. Please consider this call for presentations to share what you and others are learning when we gather back in August for what will likely be our first virtual BSU today.

The Teaching and Learning Center, together with Academic Affairs, is accepting proposals for presentations for BSU Today, which will take place on August 19, 2020, and will make their recommendations to me, so I may consider funding for this work that will take place over the next few months.

Due to Covid-19, we have modified our ways of teaching, interacting, and encouraging students and our colleagues across the academy has done the same. For the August 2020 BSU Today! conference we are encouraging you to gather and share information **from personal research and experiences or from other institutions and organizations about best practices in higher education during the Covid-19 crisis** while maintaining a high-quality learning and supportive environment for students and employees.

- For IFO members, grant awards will be one to two “duty days.”
- For members of all other bargaining units the grants are in the form of substitution for regular duties over the equivalent of one to two days to provide time for researching and preparing the presentation. (Supervisor approval is necessary for the application to be considered.)
- Applications will be reviewed by the Teaching and Learning Center, with the applications and recommendations forwarded to the President’s Office. The awards are determined by the President’s Office.
- Applications are due May 12, 2020. Awardees will be notified by May 29, 2020.
- Research presentations will be a 20-minute ZOOM format. (The Teaching and Learning Center will provide technical support in developing the presentation.)
- **This application is asking for your commitment to present at the August 19, 2020 BSU Today!** Please be aware that information is constantly being shared globally on this emerging field.
- We encourage applications from all academic and service areas of the university.

To apply for this unique opportunity, please utilize the form below.

Stay safe and take care of yourselves!

President Hensrud & The Teaching and Learning Center

APPLICATION FOR BSU TODAY! PRESENTATIONS

Due to the Teaching and Learning Center by May 12, 2020

Applications must be typed and sent electronically to tlc@bemidjistate.edu

Please read instructions carefully.

If you have questions about the application, please contact [Lynn Johnson](#) or [Debbie Guelda](#).

Name(s) of Applicant(s) _____

Department/Program(s) _____

Supervisor Approval _____

(Needed for non-IFO applicants, since the award substitutes regular assignment with time for research and presentation preparation)

Working Title of Proposed Presentation:

Topic – please place an X by your topic of interest:

- Adjustments to internships, student teaching, etc.
- Advising
- Faculty/Staff support
- Health & Wellness
- Impacts on graduate work
- Issues related to Equity
- Maintenance & Operations
- Modification of teaching delivery
- Program certification modification
- Recruitment & Admissions
- Social and Emotional Well-Being
- Student Life
- Teaching Effectiveness
- Teaching large sections in online format
- University crisis management
- Other (please explain) _____

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Resources to be Used: Note: these can be recent publications (AACU, Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Education, etc.) or information gathered from other universities. The library is standing by to support you in finding and accessing some of the most impactful journals and resources on the topic. The A.C. Clark Library web resource page supporting this project, "Coronavirus and Higher Education," is available here:

<https://bemidjstate.libguides.com/c.php?g=1028860&p=7456190>

Please feel free to reach out to the library for assistance.

Presentation will include information about:

Thank you for your application.

Please email all applications to tlc@bemidjstate.edu by May 12, 2020.

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