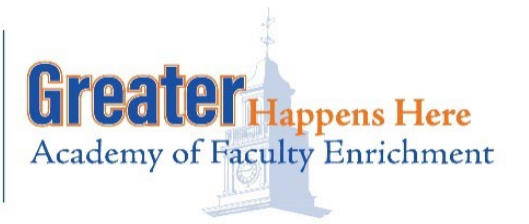


Virginia State University



The Academy of Faculty Enrichment October 2025 Professional Development Calendar

Date	Workshop Title, Description & Presenter	AFE Facilitator	Location	Virtual Option	Time	Rigstration
2-Oct	Measuring What Matters: Leveraging Canvas Outcomes for Student Success Mastering Canvas Assignments: Create, Organize, and Manage with Ease Presenter: Ms. Cara Stombock, Instructional Designer Streamline your teaching with Canvas Assignments! In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to create, organize, and manage assignments, set clear due and availability dates, weight grades, limit submissions, and easily share or copy assignments between courses. We'll also cover tips for organizing assignment groups and keeping your course workflow smooth and student-friendly. Perfect for anyone looking to save time and keep assignments clear, consistent, and effective. Target Audience: All teaching faculty	Michelle Mosely	Engineering Bldg. Room 211	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
7-Oct	Measuring What Matters: Leveraging Canvas Outcomes for Student Success Creating and Managing Assessments with Canvas New Quizzes Presenter: Ms. Cara Stombock, Instructional Designer Canvas New Quizzes offers a modern, flexible assessment tool to enhance how you design, deliver, and evaluate quizzes. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to create a variety of question types—including Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer, Fill in the Blank, Essay, Hot Spot, and Stimulus-based questions—along with adding feedback and aligning questions to outcomes. We'll explore key features like quiz settings, grading and regrading, moderating attempts, adding accommodations, and viewing reports. You'll also learn how to manage, share, and preview quizzes for a seamless student experience. Whether you're assessing knowledge, promoting critical thinking, or gathering formative feedback, this session will equip you with the tools to make the most of New Quizzes. Target Audience: All teaching faculty	Michelle Mosely	Engineering Bldg. Auditorium Room 120	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
7-Oct	Empowering Excellence: Leveraging Data and Systems to Advance Institutional Success Watermark Faculty Success: Streamlining Faculty Activity Reporting Presenter: Dr. Veronica Shuford, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Success, Mr. Antonio Cole, Director of Academic Affairs, Operations & Inclusive Excellence This hands-on workshop will introduce faculty to Watermark Faculty Success, a centralized platform for managing and showcasing academic accomplishments, teaching, research, and service activities. Participants will learn how to efficiently enter and update their professional information, generate customized reports, and leverage the system for annual reviews, promotion and tenure documentation, and accreditation reporting. The session will also highlight how Faculty Success integrates with institutional priorities by providing consistent, accurate data to support decision-making, assessment, and strategic planning. Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Admins	Justino O. Osa	Library Training Center Room 123	N/A	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
9-Oct	Measuring What Matters: Leveraging Canvas Outcomes for Student Success Designing and Using Canvas Rubrics for Clearer Feedback Presenter: Ms. Cara Stombock, Instructional Designer Rubrics in Canvas are a powerful way to set clear expectations, provide consistent feedback, and align assignments with learning outcomes. In this hands-on session, you'll learn how to create and manage rubrics, attach them to assignments, and connect them to course outcomes for meaningful assessment. We'll also explore tips for customizing criteria, streamlining grading, and ensuring students understand exactly how their work will be evaluated. By the end, you'll be ready to use rubrics to enhance transparency, grading efficiency, and student success. Target Audience: All teaching faculty	Michelle Mosely	Engineering Bldg. Auditorium Room 120	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register

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14-Oct	FACULTY LEARNING COMMUNITY Artificial Intelligence (AI) Presenter: Dr. Sade Younger, CFSW. MSW Director and Assistant Professor The Faculty Learning Community on Artificial Intelligence will host a Faculty Spotlight session facilitated by Dr. Younger. This session will focus on practical applications of AI to support faculty productivity and communication, with a demonstration and guided activity on creating a personal out-of-office assistant bot (“Ask My Assistant”). The tool is designed to handle routine inquiries during faculty absences, significantly reduce the backlog of emails upon return, and ensure that students receive timely answers to their questions even while faculty are away. Expected Outcomes: Participants will leave with a functioning prototype of their out-of-office assistant and the ability to integrate it into their next out-of-office email, showcasing the immediate benefits of AI for faculty workload management, student support, and institutional efficiency. Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Administrators	Teshima Stewart	Foster Hall Room 300	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
23-Oct	Empowering Excellence: Leveraging Data and Systems to Advance Institutional Success CourseLeaf CIM: Managing Course & Program Curricula with Ease Presenters: Mrs. Nedra Jones, University Registrar, and Mrs. Tracy Williams, Associate Registrar This interactive workshop introduces faculty to CourseLeaf’s CIM module—the dedicated platform for proposing, editing, and approving courses and academic programs. Participants will learn how to navigate intuitive online forms, submit or revise curriculum items, and engage with customizable approval workflows tailored to institutional policies. The session will highlight tools such as the historical tracking ecosystem, SIS Sync™ data integration, outcomes mapping, and support for cross-listed courses and micro credentials. Real-world examples and hands-on demonstrations will prepare attendees to confidently manage curriculum processes efficiently and accurately. Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Admins	Tracy L. Jackson	Library Training Center Room 123	N/A	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
23-Oct	Measuring What Matters: Leveraging Canvas Outcomes for Student Success Grading Made Simple: Mastering Canvas Gradebook and SpeedGrader Presenter: Ms. Cara Stombock, Instructional Designer Save time and streamline your grading workflow with Canvas Gradebook and SpeedGrader. In this hands-on session, you’ll learn how to navigate and customize the Gradebook, arrange and filter columns, create non-submission assignment columns, and apply late submission policies. We’ll explore how to enter and edit grades, send targeted messages to students, and use icons and colors to quickly interpret student progress. You’ll also discover how SpeedGrader makes evaluating assignments faster—allowing you to leave written, audio, or video feedback, grade with rubrics, and view submissions efficiently. We’ll cover both the traditional Gradebook and the Learning Mastery Gradebook so you can track outcomes and student achievement with ease. Target Audience: All teaching faculty	Michelle Mosely	Engineering Bldg. Auditorium Room 120	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
28-Oct	Empowering Excellence: Leveraging Data and Systems to Advance Institutional Success EAB Edify: Turning Campus Data into Actionable Insights Presenters: Dr. Veronica Shuford, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Success and Ms.Tanya Harris, Senior Research Analyst This session introduces faculty and academic leaders to EAB Edify, a powerful education data platform designed to unify, analyze, and visualize institutional data. Participants will learn how Edify centralizes information from multiple campus systems, enabling deeper insights into student success, enrollment trends, and academic performance. The workshop will include an overview of Edify’s interactive dashboards, reporting tools, and customizable analytics, as well as examples of how the platform can support retention initiatives, equity goals, and strategic decision-making. Faculty will leave prepared to use Edify to explore data that informs teaching, program planning, and student support interventions. Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Admins	Stephanie O'Dell Daughterity	Library Training Center Room 123	N/A	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register

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28-Oct	FACULTY LEARNING COMMUNITY Artificial Intelligence (AI) Presenter: Dr. Christin D. Haynes, Assistant Professor/ MSW Online Field Director NeuroNia in Action: AI Integration for Diverse Learning in the Social Work Classroom. This presentation highlights the integration of NeuroNia, an AI-powered learning partner, in SOWK 726: Neuroscience for Social Work Practice at Virginia State University. NeuroNia is embedded in the course design to support student learning through a trauma-informed and culturally responsive lens, while adapting to diverse learning preferences identified through the VARK and Multiple Intelligences assessments. By tailoring explanations into visuals, audio-friendly outlines, step-by-step text, or experiential tasks, NeuroNia helps students engage with complex neuroscience content in ways that feel accessible, empowering, and safe. Assignments such as podcasts, infographics, and community project proposals further encourage students to apply brain-based concepts to real-world practice in formats that match their strengths. This session will demonstrate how AI can foster psychological safety, enhance critical thinking, and bridge neuroscience with social work practice. Attendees will leave with concrete strategies for embedding AI to honor different learning styles and improve student engagement and equity. VARK assessment link: https://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/ Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Administrators	TBA	Foster Hall Room 300	Join the Meeting	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register
30-Oct	Empowering Excellence: Leveraging Data and Systems to Advance Institutional Success Trojan Data Hub: Unlocking Insights for Academic Decision-Making Presenters: Ms.Tanya Harris, Senior Research Analyst This workshop provides an in-depth introduction to the Trojan Data Hub, Virginia State University’s self-service analytics portal designed to empower faculty, staff, and administrators with data-driven insights. Participants will explore how the platform integrates key institutional data sources, including enrollment trends, student retention, degree completion, and course performance metrics such as DFWI rates. The session will demonstrate how to navigate intuitive, user-friendly dashboards to access information that supports program review, accreditation reporting, curriculum planning, and strategic initiatives. Through guided examples, faculty will learn how to leverage the Trojan Data Hub to monitor student success indicators, identify areas for improvement, and inform evidence-based decision-making in both academic and administrative contexts. Target Audience: Faculty, Chairs, Directors, Deans, Admins	Arthur Wharton	Library Training Center Room 123	N/A	12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Register