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3 grants fund SCSU faculty's workshops

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Faculty members at St. Cloud State University recently received almost \$15,000 in grant money from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Center for Teaching and Learning.

The three grants will support workshops that give college and university faculty opportunities to engage in conversations about teaching and learning. They also will be able to interact with faculty at other MnSCU schools. MnSCU governs 34 schools, including St. Cloud State. Nine grants were awarded.

Here is a look at the workshops that will be at St. Cloud State:

-- Margaret Pryately, a communication studies faculty member, will team with Anna Verhoye of Dakota County Technical College to organize the Speech Professionals Across Minnesota spring conference. Up to 50 communication faculty are expected to attend. The conference on Feb. 28 and March 1 will explore service-learning in education with a focus on using technology.

Pryately and Verhoye received a \$5,000 grant.

-- Lissa Staples, coordinator of the university's Volunteer Link, and Rona Karasik of the community studies department, received \$4,036 to discuss how service-learning projects may be implemented in social science courses. About 70 people from fields such as criminal justice, gerontology and sociology are expected to attend the March 21 workshop.

-- A \$5,000 grant was awarded to Susantha Herath and Richard Heath to organize the Symposium on Computer Assurance and Security on April 18. The business computer information systems professors expect more than 100 faculty, students and business leaders from the Midwest to attend the symposium. The event will feature national experts in government and academia. Participants will learn about recent developments in curriculum at MnSCU schools.

MnSCU's Center for Teaching and Learning supports programs designed to improve student learning through enhanced teaching effectiveness.