You are invited to participate
in a Fall Semester Faculty Learning Community,

INCLUSIVE DESIGN/INCLUSIVE PEDAGOGY:
ENHANCING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

“[A]s we continue to move toward understanding multiple cultural affiliations, the inclusion of disability in the discourse seems vital.”


This will be a sustained, interdisciplinary discussion on strengthening an inclusive environment that fosters participation and achievement for all students. Framing the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in a learning-centered teaching context rather than exclusively a medical one can mean inclusive access to disciplinary content. Course design and pedagogy (guided by the principles of Universal Design for Learning) then become more inclusive for all students. At least 500 professors at NAU have at least one student who is registered with Disability Resources each semester. Attending one of the two orientation sessions will enable you to see if you want to join this faculty learning community.

To support a sustained rather than introductory discussion, this Community of Practice will meet six times (one and a half hour conversations) during fall semester. The goal is to strengthen inclusive curriculum and teaching practices by looking at the intersection of universal design and principles of learning-centered teaching in Maryellen Weimer’s book Learner-Centered Teaching: Five Key Changes to Practice – through conversations about resource materials on the context of our work at NAU, universal design for learning, learning-centered teaching principles, and participant’s experiences and practices. This is not a book study group, rather the background readings will serve as impetus for dialogue and development of applications within each participant’s work.

Co-Facilitators will be Chris Lanterman, Commission on Disability, Access, and Design and Linda Shadiow, Faculty Development Program.

This Community of Practice is co-sponsored by the Commission on Disability Access and Design and the Faculty Development Program.

You are invited to one of two introductory conversations to be held on Monday, September 12; 4:00 - 5:00 pm; University Union, Oak Creek Room and Tuesday, September 13; 12:30 - 1:30 pm; University Union, Walnut A

Call the Faculty Development office (3-9972) or go to nau.edu/facdev to indicate your interest in participating in one of these introductory sessions.
[RSVP for orientation sessions recommended]