

SU SCIENCE FACULTY TEACHING AND LEARNING DISCUSSION FORUM

In collaboration with the
Centre for Teaching and Learning

The SU Science Faculty Teaching and Learning Forum aims to support Science Teaching at Stellenbosch University at two fronts, by supporting:

- The teaching function
- Research on teaching

In addition to the activities listed on the right, it also offers free consultation services to all Science Faculty Staff members.

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SUPPORTING THE TEACHING FUNCTION IN THE FACULTY

The Science TLDF aims to support teaching in the faculty through arranging work sessions, discussions and seminars for academics as well as students. Activities planned for 2013 include:

1. Supporting newly appointed academics
2. Introductory session with students involved in teaching support
3. Discussion about additional academic support
4. Monthly seminars on teaching
5. Science Teaching Day in May
6. Raising the stature of teaching by looking at appropriate performance indicators for teaching
7. Advice on the use of flexible assessment in the Faculty

SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON TEACHING IN THE FACULTY

It is believed that sound research on teaching would not only improve understanding of teaching and learning issues, but also our teaching. The Science TLDF supports research on Science teaching through

1. Monthly reading group meeting
2. Research on topics such as the role of additional support in the faculty, which includes topics such as peer instruction and group work.



MONTHLY EVENTS:

Seminars on teaching:

18 February
18 March: Denise Wood
15 April

Reading Group meetings:

11 February
11 March
8 April

The topics and speakers for these events will be announced closer to the time. Please visit the blog for latest information: dates subject to change.

Please bookmark these dates and visit the blog for more information on these and other events closer to the time

blogs.sun.ac.za/scienceed

OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

21 May 2013: Science Teaching Day

In the absence of the SU SoTL conference this year, the Science Faculty will host a teaching day on 21 May 2013. The purpose of this event is to address all aspects of teaching and learning in the Faculty in an open, supportive and intellectually stimulating atmosphere.

It provides a platform where academics can:

- share best practices, research findings and innovative ideas about teaching and learning;
- reflect on and debate about teaching and learning methods, trends and goals within the current context; and
- celebrate teaching and learning.

Members of the Science Faculty are invited to submit proposals about their teaching, their in-class experiences and their exploration of the scholarship of teaching and learning.

22 May 2013: Science Teaching Day

On this date, the Teaching and Learning Discussion Forum (TLDF) will host a day of needs based, hands-on workshops, co-presented by members of the Faculty, the TLDF and the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

16 - 19 July 2013: PREDAC

During this short course you, newly appointed lecturers from different disciplines, will amongst other be given the opportunity to reflect on their views, knowledge and assumptions about teaching, learning and assessment within the context of current thoughts on university teaching whilst forging relationships with colleagues from other departments and faculties within a collegial atmosphere. Practical and innovative approaches towards your teaching and assessment tasks will be addressed throughout the course.