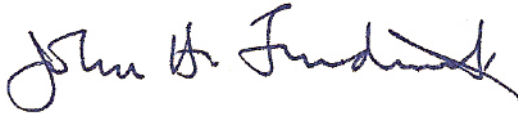


**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 23, 2009

To: Deans and chairs in STEM disciplines

From: John H. Frederick



Subject: Academy for Critical Thinking

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As some of you may know planning is well under way for the Provost's Academy for Critical Thinking scheduled for May 27-30th at the Institute of Texan Cultures, Connally Room. This is an important initiative targeting faculty in the STEM disciplines. We are also inviting faculty members from the Alamo Community College System that sends transfer students to UTSA. The ultimate goal of the Academy is to help faculty learn to teach to engender critical thinking skills in our graduates, preparing them for success in graduate school.

As you can see by the attached agenda and the Academy flyer, the program includes two nationally known presenters, Terry Doyle and Craig Nelson, in addition to UTSA's Director of Teaching and Learning, Barbara Millis, who is an expert on course redesign for critical thinking and also on active/cooperative learning. We will feature, also a panel of experienced faculty members who will discuss ways to engage students in classes with over 80 students. Please recommend to Dr. Millis any skilled faculty members who would excel as panelists.

I am attaching an application form which both you and the candidates you nominate must sign. Nominations are due by April 14, 2009.

Please address questions about the program to Barbara Millis or Rich Diem, Dean of the Honors College.