

Programmatic Priorities and Mission Statements

Center for the Advancement of Teaching

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching's programmatic priorities and mission statements have been modified on more than one occasion since the Center's inception in the early 1990's. Here, we take a look past and current statements that reflect the Center's program and mission.

From the final project report to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation (September 1996)

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching:

- is committed to enhancing teaching at all levels and across disciplines by providing resources to revise pedagogy in innovative ways, particularly through the integration of technology
- coordinates all opportunities for faculty development
- conducts the orientation for first-year faculty
- provides
 - support for curriculum revision projects and workshops in pedagogy
 - special assistance to the education department
 - mini-grants to faculty from the partner schools to support curriculum development projects
 - financial assistance to students interested in teaching careers
 - financial support to the Teacher Education Research Initiative.

From a Center brochure (publication date unknown)

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching is an interdisciplinary, collaborative academic unit that seeks to focus the University's efforts aimed at advancing the art of teaching at all levels. The services and facilities of the Center are available to faculty of all colleges at Xavier University and to the Center's three partnership schools in the New Orleans Public School System.

The Center provides opportunities for faculty to develop new teaching strategies, to develop new curricula, and to incorporate the use of technology in ways that are pedagogically effective. Because technology has altered society and because today's students are technologically literate, the application of technology to teaching is especially important to the Center. The Center will encourage faculty to use integrated information systems, interactive computer instruction and multimedia technology. The Center for the Advancement of Teaching will work in close cooperation with the Center for Intercultural Studies.

Concomitant with the Center's commitment to advancing the art of teaching is the commitment to increase the number of students choosing teaching as a career and to provide curricular that will better prepare future teachers for the realities of today's public school system.

From the Center's 1998-99 Planning Document

The staff of the Center strives consistently to develop and sustain university efforts to advance the art of teaching at all levels. The services and facilities of the Center will continue to be available to faculty of all colleges at Xavier University and to the Center's three partner schools in the New Orleans Public School system: Mildred Osborne Elementary School, Thurgood Marshall Middle School, and McDonogh #35 Senior High School. Additionally, the Center will continue to provide opportunities for faculty to develop new teaching strategies and curricula, and to incorporate the use of technology in ways that are pedagogically effective.

From the Center's website, January 2004

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching:

- coordinates faculty development initiatives at Xavier University
- is an interdisciplinary, collaborative academic unit that seeks to focus the University's efforts aimed at advancing the art of teaching at all levels
- creates opportunities for Xavier faculty to develop new teaching strategies and to incorporate the use of technology in educationally effective ways
- supports Xavier faculty collaboration with preK-12 schools or teachers.