TLC Weekly (7 November 2016)

Dear colleagues,

It was a true feat. I, one of the more technologically non-savvy faculty members here at AUP, managed to poll my students using polleverywhere.com. Here is the one and only question in the poll (in preparation for a discussion about “pragmatics” in one of my classes):

How do you address professors?

* by “Professor” + last name
* by first name
* other

I know, very basic, but I decided to start small (minuscule) as Russell and Robert suggested. It turns out that most responded “other” and that such a simple question led to a lengthy and enlightening discussion about language use in the many complex relationships found in the speech communities of my students. I could have put this question on the board to prompt discussion, but the poll was more intriguing.

**Russell Williams and Robert Payne** will be back again **Wed.** **Nov. 9 at 5pm in C-102 for Part II of *Smartphones, Laptops and the Classroom*, the next Mellon pedagogical seminar.** We have also invited **Robbie, our instructional technologist**, to join us. He will briefly introduce a suite of **education programs in Office 365** to which we have access and are ours to discover. Please join us even if you missed Part I. Those of us who tried something new in the classroom over the past few weeks will certainly provide good entertainment!

**Our next TLC lunch is tomorrow, Nov. 8, at noon in G-102.** We’ll be talking about **how we give feedback to students in class and how we get students to give feedback to each other**. Please bring questions, ideas and suggestions to share. Once again, to those who are unable to join us on Tuesdays, please accept our apologies. We’re working on a new schedule for next semester.

Have a good week!

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