November Discussion "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Reconsidered - Institutional Integration and Impact"

Friday, November 18th, 2:30pm, Milne 208 "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Reconsidered: Institutional Integration and Impact"


Discussion led by Anne Eisenberg, Sociology

From the book description:

Following two decades of involvement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the scholarship of teaching and learning, a new book examines the movement’s impact, challenges and promise for institutions of higher education.

The authors, all of whom continue to be involved in this work, imagine a future “where the scholarship of teaching and learning is not seen as the discrete project or special initiative, but as a set of practices that are critical to achieving the institution’s core goals for student learning and success.”

Faculty involved in the scholarship of teaching and learning treat their classrooms and programs as a source of interesting questions about learning; find ways to explore and shed light on these questions; use this evidence in designing and refining new activities, assignments, and assessments; and share what they’ve found with colleagues who can comment, critique, and build on new insights. Increasingly, they are bringing these habits of inquiry to bear on a variety of institutional initiatives and agendas.

The authors examine what it takes to develop faculty who are engaged as learners in their own classrooms and programs, and make a case for accountability based on an “integrated web of evidence for improvement.”

The authors offer recommendations for leaders eager to support a transformation in the intellectual culture of higher education.
• Understand and communicate an integrated vision of the scholarship of teaching and learning across the institution so that its practices can be applied broadly in course design, curricular development, professional development, and assessment.
• Foster an exchange between leaders from the assessment and institutional research community and those involved in the scholarship of teaching and learning to establish a system of evidence gathering that can be used for internal improvement and external reporting.
• Work to bring tenure and promotion decisions into alignment with a view of teaching as scholarly work.
• Recognize that institutionalization of the scholarship of teaching and learning is a long process that requires sustained leadership and creativity.