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In accordance with the guidelines for the Caterpillar Award for Excellence in Teaching, this report is being filed to document associated activities. It was the goal of this awardee to coordinate and offer a workshop for University faculty on fostering critical thinking and decision making in the classroom. Extensive investigation was done to find an available qualified speaker. Because of the extended amount of time this took, it was not possible to schedule a date within the 1998-99 academic year. Since the Caterpillar money needed to be designated and spent within the academic year, the money was allocated to Associate Provost Juneja for distance learning initiatives. Several departments and the College of Nursing are benefiting from these resources as courses are being developed which will be offered in this format as of Fall 1999 or Spring 2000.

The information gathered related to a critical thinking and decision making workshop was used to organize a mid cohort faculty program in association with the Teaching Resource Center. The workshop is scheduled for October 26, 1999. New faculty and their mentors will be invited to attend. Without the Caterpillar Award to incite planning of faculty development events of this caliber, the idea for such a program would not have been stimulated.

I am grateful to the Committee for this recognition and also thank the Caterpillar Foundation for its continuing support of excellence in teaching at Valparaiso University. If I can provide further elaboration, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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