SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 13, 2011
9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
TUFTS CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, GRAFTON CAMPUS

8:30 — 9:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
Location: Outside Agnes Varis Auditorium

9:00 — 9:10 am  Welcome
Deborah T. Kochevar, DVM, PhD, DACVCP, Dean, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Location: Agnes Varis Auditorium

9:10 — 9:15 am  Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Keynote
Mary Y. Lee, M.D., Associate Provost, Tufts University

9:15 — 10:15 am  Keynote Presentation: Blended Learning in Higher Education
Ron Owston, PhD, Director, Institute for Research on Learning Technologies and University Professor of Education, York University
In his keynote, Dr. Owston will provide an overview of blended learning in higher education and describe its practical application. He will demonstrate how the blended learning approach embraces the traditional values of face to face teaching and integrates the best practices in online teaching.

10:15 — 10:30 am  Break

10:30 — 11:30 am  Breakout Groups: Participants may attend one of the following breakout group sessions

Group #1: Getting Started with Blended Learning
Ron Owston, PhD, Director, Institute for Research on Learning Technologies and University Professor of Education, York University
In this session Dr. Owston will provide practical guidelines on how to incorporate blended learning techniques into your courses.

Group #2: Blended Learning: A Community of Inquiry Model
Paul Giguere, Ed.D. Senior Director, Academic Initiatives, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
Using a Community of Inquiry (COI) Model as a framework, this session covers the elements of design which are particular to developing a blended learning course or program by focusing on three aspects: social presence, teaching presence, and cognitive presence. Participants in this session will better understand the relationship of blended learning and a more learner-centered approach to teaching.

Group #3: Facilitating Effective Online Discussion
Andrew Valenti, Project Manager, Trunk, UIT Academic Technology
This session will focus on how to integrate online discussion into your course and how to facilitate it effectively. Practical examples will be provided.

Group #4: Using Web Conferencing Tools for Collaboration
Dave Bragg, Senior Trainer and Curriculum Specialist, UIT
Cristy Maldonado, Manager IT Training and Documentation, UIT
This session will provide you with an overview of the web conferencing tool, Adobe Connect, and will discuss how Adobe Connect can be used for different types of collaboration. Adobe Connect is a web videoconferencing tool that is offered at Tufts. A web videoconference is an online environment allowing people to conduct discussions, share presentations and collaborate with geographically dispersed participants. Conference attendees can interact with each other and share information the
way they would in a face-to-face setting.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  **Luncheon**  
*Location: Elms Cafe*

12:00 noon  **Optional Tour of the Grafton campus**

12:30 – 1:00 pm  **Blended Learning@Tufts**  
Paul Giguere, Ed.D. Senior Director, Academic Initiatives, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy  
*Location: Agnes Varis Auditorium*  
In this session, Dr. Giguere will give an overview of the different blended learning initiatives at Tufts.

1:00 – 2:00 pm  **Lightning Round with Tufts Faculty: Examples of Blended Learning at Tufts**  
Mary Lee, Facilitator  
*Location: Agnes Varis Auditorium*  
The Lightning Round session offers an opportunity for faculty attending the conference to share with their colleagues a practical, transferable teaching idea for blended learning in a 3-5 minute presentation. Examples of this would be techniques faculty have used to integrate online activities or use online tools in their courses in order to further student understanding and learning.

2:00 – 3:00 pm  **Blended Learning Fair**  
This fair will showcase different Tufts Blended Learning Programs and educational technologies available at Tufts that can be used to support Blended Learning.

2:30 pm  **iPad Raffle**