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 – 9:05 am  Welcome
Deborah T. Kochevar, DVM, PhD, DACVCP, Dean, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Location: Agnes Varis Auditorium

9:05 – 9:15 am  Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Keynote
Mary Y. Lee, M.D., Associate Provost, Tufts University

9:15 – 10:30 am  Keynote Presentation: Blending to Learn, Learning to Blend
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.

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 11:45 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
Location: Room 217, The Administration Building
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
Location: Agnes Varis Auditorium
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
Andy Valenti, MSc, Project Manager, Learning Management Systems, UIT Educational and Scholarly Technology Services
Diane McKay, Assistant Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and Scientist, Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging
Location: Room 200, Agnes Varis Campus Center
This interactive session will focus on how to integrate online discussion into your course and how to facilitate it effectively. We’ll look at the goals of utilizing an online discussion, what differentiates it from a class discussion, identify the common online tool characteristics, and identify the major challenges an instructor faces. The session will include an opportunity for
small-group discussion and brainstorming of effective ways to overcome common problems when using online discussions.

**Group #4: Using Web Conferencing Tools for Collaboration**
Cristy Maldonado, Manager IT Training and Documentation, UIT
Dave Bragg, Senior Trainer and Curriculum Specialist, UIT

*Location: Kohnstamm Conference Room, The Administration Building*

Web conferencing tools can assist you in creating online learning environments that emphasize collaboration and online discussion. Meeting room attendees can interact with each other and share information the same way they would in a face-to-face setting. This session will feature Adobe Connect Pro, Tufts’ preferred web conferencing tool and will orient you to working with Adobe Connect Pro and share best practices.

11:45 – 12:15 pm  **Luncheon**  
*Location: Elms Café*

12:15 pm  **Optional Tour of the Grafton campus**  
*Location: Meet outside the Elms Café for start of the tour*

12:45 – 1:15 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 Tufts’ different blended learning initiatives.

1:15 – 2:15 pm  **Lightning Round with Tufts Faculty: Effective Teaching Practices**  
Facilitator: Mary Lee, M.D., Associate Provost, Tufts University  
*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 in a 3-5 minute presentation.

2:15 – 3:00 pm  **Blended Learning Fair**  
*Location: Outside Agnes Varis Auditorium*

This fair will showcase different blended learning initiatives and educational technologies available at Tufts that can be used to support blended learning.

2:30 pm  **iPad Raffle**  
In order to win the iPad, the ticket holder of the winning ticket must be present.