Hello,

Several faculty members have asked about creating an informal network centered on sharing teaching experiences at our Campus. We have a diversely talented teaching faculty at Moreno Valley and the idea is that we can learn a great deal from each other. There is an interest in arranging a system for visiting colleagues' classes, not for evaluation purposes, but for sharing and learning from each other. The goal of the classroom visit will be to enable faculty to share teaching approaches. It will provide opportunities for instructors to share teaching strategies, assignments, activities, and highlight innovative practices.

At the request of those interested in learning and sharing with their colleagues, I am contacting full-time faculty members and asking that those open to having other faculty members visit their classrooms respond to me. The Faculty Development Coordinator will keep a list of faculty willing to allow visitors. A new or returning faculty member interested in visiting a class would contact the Faculty Development Coordinator and select an instructor on the list to contact. The professor volunteering to provide access to the classroom would set the parameters for the visit. No one will ever visit your classroom without first contacting you and arranging the visit. These classroom visits will in no way be linked to the Tenure Review process.

Participation is completely optional and no one should feel any pressure to participate. We respect that classroom visits may not mesh with every instructor's teaching style.

This is a faculty driven project. Classroom visits will be for faculty only and will not be linked to the Tenure Review process or any other form of administrative evaluation.

Please contact me if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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