## CELEBRATING PEDAGOGY CONVERSATIONS (Fall 2007)

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October 1, 2007 Panel-X Discussion with Rivier faculty about teaching and learning focused on non-traditional evening and graduate students, led by Marc Faiia, Len Deneault, Denise Baxter, Paula Williams, Herman Tavani, Kevin Wayne, and Vladimir Riabov. Forty two faculty members attended this Tenth Celebrating Pedagogy Conversation at Rivier College. Many fine ideas were presented so eloquently and passionately that this event was characterized as being among the very best Rivier faculty members have had about teaching and learning.

November 26, 2007 Paul Lizotte, Director of the First Year Seminar program, and Martin Menke, Director of the Junior Year Seminar program, led a discussion about teaching in the core curriculum, which led faculty to consider ways they might consider essential questions in the entire Rivier undergraduate curriculum. This Eleventh Celebrating Pedagogy Conversation was an informed and serious discussion about teaching and learning at Rivier College. Twenty six faculty members, who attended this event, added perspective to this foray into teaching and learning in the core and major curriculums at Rivier College.

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