New Dialing Procedures for Local Telephone Calls
Effective June 5, 2010, 10-digit dialing (area code plus the seven digit telephone number) will be required for all local telephone calls. You will no longer be able to complete local telephone calls without dialing the area code as well. This change will have no impact on the way you currently make long distance calls, only on local calling.

Employment Discrimination Training
The online program allows you to take the training at your leisure. It may be taken all in one session or you may bookmark and return at a later time. You will need to allow up to 90 minutes to take the training program. You may locate the training on the HR website at http://training.newmedialearning.com/ped/jacksonvillestu/. There will be a test at the end that you are required to pass. This is required training for administrators and supervisors and must be completed on an annual basis. Others are encouraged, but not required, to take this training.

ProctorU
The Office of Distance Education and ProctorU now offer distance education students, with the approval of their professors, the opportunity to take their exams anywhere through the use of a webcam and a reliable high-speed internet connection. Please visit http://www.jsu.edu/distance/fac_res/ProctorU.html for more information about using ProctorU.

Telephone Service
As many of you know, JSU’s internet and telephone service was disrupted Wednesday, June 2 for most of the afternoon and part of the evening. This disruption, caused by an AT&T service line being accidentally cut, caused a total loss of internet and telephone connectivity between the JSU campus and off campus sites. Blackboard remained available to any user accessing it from off campus, but would not have been available from on campus. JSU email was available for users on campus, but not to users off campus. Please take this into consideration when determining students’ completion of work, due dates, etc. Service was restored early in the evening Wednesday.
University News

**Tuition Payment Due Date Extended**
The payment due date for June Four week and June Eight week classes has been extended through 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010, due to the problems on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, with Internet and phone service. If payment for June Four week and June Eight week classes is not received by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010, all of these classes will be canceled. [Posted at 11:12 AM on 3 June!!!]

**The JSU Faculty Survey on Methodology and Instructional Settings**
Dr. Turner said that this was, in part, my project. I would prefer to say that I spoke to Alicia Simmons and David Thornton about the project. In short, they want to understand what teaching methods work best on JSU students. Most studies of teaching methods are performed at Tier 1 research universities. The cross section of students at those universities are probably different than the cross section of students at JSU. So, I think this is very reasonable. In fact, in a very small study that Jonathan tried, he found that some flexible learning techniques correlated with lower test and exam grades. Of course, NO ONE at JSU knows how all courses are taught. Even across our Department, the teaching methods vary from chalk-board to distance education. To see how different teaching methods work, the very first thing that we need to know is how each faculty member teaches his or her class. Then to look for correlations and trends in grades, courses passed and student evaluations for the different techniques. Of course, there are lots and lots of universities like JSU. So, the NSF would also like for JSU (or a JSU-type of university) to conduct careful studies about how their students learn.

So, this is NOT an evaluation of your teaching methods. This is really trying to find out something that you would think was well known—the way classes are taught across the university.

So, please take some time to fill out the survey. The survey will ask you to identify four courses you taught in spring 2010 including traditional, hybrid and online courses. It will probably take you 15 – 20 minutes to complete. As an incentive, Dr. Turner is offering a $200 faculty development grant to a randomly chosen faculty member who completes the survey. Please click [here*](https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=61BE3D9E0F0180A308CCCFC255975F7808) to complete the survey. The last day to respond to the survey is Sunday, June 13.

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**Degenerate States**

**Some Reasons Why English is Hard to Learn**
The bandage was wound around the wound.
The farm was used to produce produce.
The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer.
The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
They were too close to the door to close it.
The buck does funny things when the does are present.
To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
After a number of injections my jaw got number.
Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

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