As part of the 2013 ASEE Gulf Southwest Annual Regional Conference, several workshops are planned which we think will be of interest to the UT Arlington community. Conference theme is “Engineering Education Without Borders.”

**Friday, March 22: 1:30 – 3:00  (Registration: Bluebonnet, UC at 1:15)**

**Dr. Saundra McGuire**  Assistant Vice Chancellor & Professor of Chemistry, LSU

**Putting the Focus on Learning in the Online Environment: Metacognition is the Key!**

Today’s students enter college with widely varying academic skills, interests, and motivation levels. Faculty lament that students are focused on grades, but do not spend time actively engaged in the learning process. Most students think that memorizing information is tantamount to learning the material, and spend considerably less time studying than is commensurate with their grade expectations. This interactive session will present learning and teaching strategies based on cognitive science findings, and will provide evidence that teaching students metacognitive learning strategies leads to increased higher level learning.

**Saturday, March 23: 10:00 – 11:30  (Registration: Bluebonnet, UC at 9:45)**

**Dr. Peggy Semingson**, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, UT Arlington

**Dr. Pete Smith**, Vice Provost for Digital Teaching and Learning, UT Arlington

**Engaging Students with Online Video Mentoring: 1-on-1 Learning Scenarios**

This presentation shares preliminary results from an ongoing research project that examines the engaged and personalized learning that takes place in digital mentoring sessions (videoconference-based) between individual graduate students and an education professor. Best practices and possibilities for online, real-time mentoring will be demonstrated and discussed. This hands-on workshop will involve the audience in gaining a better understanding of the tools, a theoretical framework for coaching, mentoring, and facilitating learners, as well as tips for getting started in this cutting-edge practice.

**Cost for the Workshops: $20 each or $30 for both**

For more information about the conference and the workshops [http://www.uta.edu/engineering/aseegsw/](http://www.uta.edu/engineering/aseegsw/)