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SFCC Seminars Coach Educators in Online Learning and Teaching: *Presented by Dr. Ron Legon, Executive Director of Quality Matters*

Santa Fe, NM, Nov. 3, 2008 — Educators interested in online teaching are invited to attend “Quality Matters in Online Learning,” a pair of FREE public workshops, both held Nov. 19 on the SFCC campus. The first presentation takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 570. An early evening session follows in the SFCC Boardroom from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Quality Matters program is a widely-accepted and fast-growing model of online education now adopted by more than 250 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. The program takes a peer-based approach to online education. “The Quality Matters model is a faculty-centered, peer review process designed to ensure the quality of online courses and online components,” according to its Web site (qualitymatters.org).

During the presentation, Dr. Ronald Legon, executive director of Quality Matters, offers examples of the wide variety of ways in which institutions are implementing both online and hybrid online learning along with techniques for educators to establish their own teaching programs. He also explains the origin and growth of the program, current subscription options, and the various Quality Matters resources available to faculty and staff.

“There is a growing need for online instructors, both in New Mexico and nationwide,” said Aimee Colmery, SFCC’s director of distance learning and professional development. “These workshops are invaluable to anyone interested in teaching online courses.”

For more information, call 428-1771, visit qualitymatters.org, or sfccnm.edu.

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