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Students to Exchange Ideas at the "Lounge" on Effective Learning.

Cal Poly Pomona students are invited to share ideas about effective learning and teaching techniques. The **Exchange Lounge**, co-sponsored by The Faculty Learning Community on "How Well Are Student's Learning" and Associated Students, Inc., will feature up to 150 Cal Poly Pomona students participating in three individual 2 hour rap sessions.

In each session, students will work within a small group to brainstorm how to improve teaching and learning at Cal Poly Pomona. Questions will be asked about effective teaching practices and the best way to determine whether students have learned what they were supposed to have learned in class.

Facilitators will list all brainstorming responses for each question on a summary sheet. Students will then vote for what they feel are the most important or effective responses. Members of The Faculty Learning Community will collect voting sheets at the end of each session.

Students' attitudes and ideas about effective teaching and learning assessment practices will be compared with those of faculty and administrators. The findings will assist Cal Poly Pomona in continuing to improve learning and teaching practices.

The Faculty Learning Community will present the results of their analysis to the campus community through a web site and by hosting an Assessment Workshop for Cal Poly Pomona faculty. In addition, the results will be presented at the American Association for Higher Education National Conference on Assessment in June 2004.

The Exchange Lounge will take place on **Wednesday, January 21, 2004** in The Bronco Student Center's Ursa Minor Suite. A reception at 3:30 p.m. will feature live acoustic music and a coffee and juice bar with sandwiches and pastries. Rap sessions will begin at **4:00 p.m.** Child care will be provided for students who request it through online registration.

For more information and to register, visit www.asi.csupomona.edu/lounge. A free gift will be given to each registrant. At the lounge, each participant will also be entered into a prize drawing.