Title III Program: Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Jackson State University Jackson, Mississippi

Quarterly Activity Report

Activity: Center for University Scholars  
( ) First--October-December
( ) Second--January-March
( X ) Third--April-June
( ) Fourth--July-September

Director: Dr. Mary Coleman

Date: June 26, 2008

Instructions: Please submit this completed report to the Title III Director’s Office in adherence to deadlines established for this program year. The Inventory Verification Form must be attached if equipment and/or furnishings were purchased during the period. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. List activity objectives, in measurable terms, planned for this reporting period.
   • Fund faculty members’ 2008 summer research proposals.
   • Hire Graduate Research Assistants for Summer Faculty Research Scholars.
   • Provide travel funds for faculty members to present papers at conferences.
   • Order supplies for Summer Faculty Research Scholars.
   • Post job announcements for requesting departments.
   • Plan 2008 University Scholars Symposium.

2. List activity objectives, in measurable terms, accomplished this reporting period. Additionally, if applicable, include primary participants or offices involved.
   • Funded faculty members’ summer research proposals.
   • Hired graduate research assistants to work with summer faculty researcher scholars.
   • Provided travel funds for ten faculty members to present papers at professional conferences.
   • Ordered supplies for summer faculty scholars to conduct research.
   • Planned University Scholars Symposium,
   • Placed job announcements for Assistant Professor for Art History and Assistant Professor for Design/Digital Media in the Department of Art.
   • Placed job announcement for the Assistant Professor position in the Department of Mass Communications.
   • Placed job announcement for the Director position in the Margaret Walker Alexander Research Center.
3. State activity objectives, in measurable terms, that were not accomplished this reporting period.

NA

Explain why the activity objectives were not accomplished.

NA

4. State the tangible impact/outcome of accomplished activity objectives.

• Funded research programs will continue to result in greater scholarly recognition to faculty and the university.
• Graduate assistants enable faculty to quicken the pace of their research, strengthen their teaching, and mentor young graduate students.
• Travel to professional meetings give faculty opportunities to present their work; meet distinguished scholars; have written critiques of their work; and opportunities to draft and perfect their scholarship, teaching, and service.
• Opportunities to serve as graduate assistants provide invaluable teaching opportunities, practical role mentoring, and strengthen graduate students’ applications, when applying for national fellowships and post-doctoral studies.
• The overall impacts of the research and teaching awards are tangibly moving JSU towards its research intensive designation. Such scholarship and teaching excellence is being leveraged to write proposals to federal agencies and foundations.

5. List equipment, furnishings, materials, and/or supplies purchased during this reporting period. For all equipment and furnishings, please provide a separate list on the Title III - Inventory Verification Form and attach it to this report.

The following supplies were purchased during this reporting period for summer research scholars:
lab/testing supplies, printer ink cartridges, camera, camera accessories, postage, labels, envelopes, survey, research reports, books, binders, flash drive, easel pads, legal pads, paper, pens, expo dry erase markers, CD-RW disks, and CD-DVD Sony combo drive.
6. If travel is a part of this activity, indicate trips (along with dates, locations, and names of conferences, meetings, etc.) taken during this reporting period (Specific details should be provided in the required travel report).

The following faculty members attended professional conferences this reporting period: Dr. Bobbie Daniels, Dr. Hyung Lae Park, Dr. Abdelnasser Eldek, Dr. Preselfannie McDaniels, Dr. Ibrahim Farah, Dr. Anita Patlolla, Dr. Zhenbu Zhang, Dr. Hyun Jung Cho, Dr. Stephen McLeod, and Dr. Pao-Chiang Yuan.

**Signatures:**

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