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

Director:  Dr. Mary Coleman

( ) Second--January-March

Date:  September 26, 2008

( ) Third--April-June

( X ) Fourth--July-September

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.
   • Plan Fall semester workshops for faculty development on Tenure/Promotion Process, Tenure/Promotion Portfolio Review, QEP: Course Redesign in Math, English and History Seminars.
   • Hire qualified graduate and teaching assistants to assist faculty with research, publications and teaching.
   • Plan for University Scholars Research Symposium.
   • Provide travel funds for faculty members to present papers at professional conferences.
   • Order supplies for summer research scholars.
   • Review 2008 Summer Research Scholars Progress Reports.
   • Process 2009 Summer Research Scholars Applications.
   • Locate external reviewers for 2009 Summer Research Proposals.

2. List activity objectives, in measurable terms, accomplished this reporting period. Additionally, if applicable, include primary participants or offices involved.
   • Hosted Tenure/Promotion Process and Tenure/Promotion Portfolio Review Workshop.
   • Hosted QEP: Course Redesign in Math Seminar.
   • Hired graduate assistants to work with faculty in research, publication and teaching.
   • Provided travel funds for 6 faculty members to present papers at conferences.
   • Ordered supplies for summer research scholars to complete research.
   • Received and reviewed 2008 Summer Research Scholars’ progress reports.
   • Reviewed and processed 2009 Summer Research Scholars Applications.
   • Coordinated the Sixth Annual University Scholars Symposium and the Second Annual Matthew Holden, Jr. Symposium Lecture for Jackson State University.
   • Provided electronic web-access to Center’s programs and applications/downloads.
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.
   - Increases in the quality and quantity of JSU faculty publications, bring recognition to scholars greater research distinction to JSU faculty in science, social science, and business disciplines. The enhanced and timely submission of thoughtful tenure and promotion portfolios will result in higher rates of tenure and promotion.
   - Faculty scholars have been invited to participate in national and international fora.
   - Continuous structured opportunities for new and current faculty to establish and implement planned programs of research.
   - Graduate students receive an apprenticeship in the teaching/learning process as colleagues/graduate assistant to JSU faculty.
   - The Holden lecturer, Theda Skocpol, a professor of government and sociology at Harvard, will interact with University faculty and students and through their interaction will form relationships that will provide access to graduate school opportunities at Harvard and access to resources such scholarships and internships in government and sociology.
   - External scholars’ visits to campus as mentors to faculty will add to JSU’s credibility as a research intensive and first-class institution.
   - Electronic access to Center’s applications and programs eases the paper burden on faculty, increases efficiencies and creates timeliness in submissions.

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.

   Lab/Testing supplies were purchased this reporting period for 2008 Summer Research Scholars.
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. Mohammed Ali, Dr. Jaehwa Choi, Dr. Li-jing Arthur Chang, Dr. Michelle Deardorff, Dr. Jeton McClinton, and Dr. Dwight Brooks.

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