Quarterly Activity Report

Activity: Center for University Scholars

Period
( X ) First--October-December
( ) Second--January-March
( ) Third--April-June
( ) Fourth--July-September

Director: Dr. Mary Coleman

Date: January 14, 2010

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.
   • Place graduate assistants with faculty conducting research, publication, and teaching
   • Provide travel funds for faculty members to present papers at professional conferences
   • Host Assessment Video Seminar: Principles and Profiles of Good Practice in Assessment, Summarizing and Using Assessment Results
   • Review 2010 faculty summer research scholars and schedule roundtable
   • Host 7th Annual University Scholars Symposium and Third Annual Matthew Holden Jr. Lecture
   • Analyze and distribute SIRS
   • Review 2009 Summer Research Scholars’ progress reports and final manuscript

2. List activity objectives, in measurable terms, accomplished this reporting period. Additionally, if applicable, include primary participants or offices involved.
   • Hired 5 additional graduate assistants to work with faculty in research, publication, and teaching
   • Provided travel funds for 10 faculty members to present papers at professional conferences
   • Hosted “Successfully Navigating the Tenure and Promotions Processes at Jackson State ”
   • Sponsored the Seventh Annual University Scholars Symposium and the Third Annual Matthew Holden, Jr. Lecture for Jackson State University
   • Received and reviewed 2009 Summer Research Scholars’ progress reports
   • Received final manuscript for the 2009 Summer Research Scholars
   • Reviewed 2010 Summer Research Scholars Applications and set a date for the roundtable
   • Analyzed and disseminated SIRS to all units
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.
   • Strengthening Multi-disciplinary Scholarship--- JSU faculty developed advanced research skills and scholarship in eight areas, including math literacy, the sufficiency of state standards in math, excellence and originality in dissertations in the college of education, experimental enhancement in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, and the piloting of a software-compensated platform for precise nano-manipulation.
   • Advancing Research Mentorship---20 graduate students in disciplines ranging from English to Physics are studying and conducting research alongside their professors.
   • Bringing Scholarly Recognition to JSU---through conference presentations by faculty.
   • Building Faculty Awareness of Tenure and Promotion Process through Faculty Development Workshops.
   • Strengthening Tenure and Promotion--with Video presentation on the Successful Navigation of the Tenure and Promotions Processes at Jackson State.
   • Providing faculty, deans, and chairs with teaching assessment data from Student Instructional Rating System.

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 ordered during this reporting period: 6- cases of paper, 4- pair of shears, 4-rolls of adding machine paper, 4- desk calendar pads, 4- packs of 3x3 note pads, 4- packs of 5x8 note pads, 6- boxes of paper clips, 5- packs of marker sets, 1- presenter, 10- flash drives, 1-wastebasket, 1- desktop calculator, 1- box of size AAA batteries, 1- box of size AA batteries, 2-boxes of staples, 1- cordless desktop keyboard, 4- Kensington Microsaver Locks, 5- Len Microsaver NB Lock, 9- Kensington Anchor Point, 1-16 month academic calendar, 1- glare filter, 1-3-tier desk shelf, 1- HP Black Print Cartridge, 2- Correctable Film, 1- Lift-Off Correction Tape; Handouts CD & Presenter’s—“Principles and Profiles of Good Practice in Assessment” by Trudy Banta.
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 conferences during this reporting period: **Dr. Mark Bernhardt** (10/23-24/2009, New York, NY, Northeast Popular Culture Association); **Dr. Mohammed Ali** (10/25-31/2009, Minneapolis, MN, American Association of Aerosol Research Conference); **Dr. Hui Ru Shih** (11/13-19/2009, Lake Buena Vista, FL, International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition); **Dr. Thomas Kersen** (11/4-7/2009, Lafayette, LA, Mid-South Sociological Association); **Dr. Robert Luckett** (10/1-2/2009, Cincinnati, OH, Association for the Study of African American Life & History Conference); **Dr. Christopher Olszewski** (10/29-11/1/2009, Potsdam, NY, Visiting Lecture Series at State University of New York in Potsdam); **Dr. Christopher Olszewski** (10/21-24/2009, Mobile, AL, Southeastern College Art Conference; **Dr. Susan Maneck** (11/20-24/2009, Boston, MA, Middle East Studies Association); **Dr. Tabitha Otieno** (10/19-20/2009, Philadelphia, MS, Mississippi Council for Social Studies State Conference); **Dr. Eunkyung Yoon** (11/18-22/2009, Atlanta, GA, Gerontological Society of America); and **Dr. Jennifer Bronwynn Copp** (10/21-25/2009, Mobile, AL, Southeastern College Art Conference.

**Signatures:**

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