Quarterly Activity Report

Activity: Center for University Scholars

Director: Dr. Mary Coleman

Date: April 15, 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.
   • Review graduate assistants’ progress; renew their contracts and/or hire additional students
   • Examine the waiting list and provide faculty members with graduate assistants
   • Provide travel funds for faculty members to present papers at professional conferences, etc.
   • Host Re-Accreditation Assessment Awareness Day (Campus-Wide)
   • Review 2010 faculty summer research scholars and schedule roundtable
   • Analyze and distribute students’ evaluation of faculty (SIRS)
   • Review the budgets for the 2010 Summer Scholars and order needed supplies for research
   • Host Spring Learning Communities and Reading Circles-order required materials
   • Establish budget for the QEP and redirect summer scholars’ awards (2010-2017) consistent with Global Inquiry Learning Seminar and Communities
   • Seek Budget Approval from Provost and President
   • Conduct Assessment Workshops in Every College
   • Review Assessment Records
   • Hold conversations with student leaders on the Quality Enhancement Plan

2. List activity objectives, in measurable terms, accomplished this reporting period. Additionally, if applicable, include primary participants or offices involved.
   • Renewed 16 graduate assistants’ contracts, replaced 3 graduate assistants, and hired 6 additional graduate assistants to accommodate the faculty members on the waiting list
   • Provided travel assistance to 24 faculty members to attend 15 different conferences
   • Hosted Re-Accreditation Assessment Awareness Day
   • Hosted roundtable for the Class of 2010 Summer Scholars
   • Reviewed the budgets submitted by the 2010 Summer Scholars, made changes were necessary, and prepared
the requisitions to purchase the needed supplies for research

- Analyzed and distributed SIRS to all units
- Hosted Spring Learning Communities and Reading Circles-Ordered required materials
- Acquired Provost Approval of Center’s- 2010-2011 budget
- Met with all Colleges to Review Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Records

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.

    - Faculty summer awards provide dedicated and talented faculty opportunities to produce first-rate work, published in highly-rated peer reviewed journals.
    - Graduate students learn first-hand the research process and are afforded chances to publish before they graduate. This greatly increases their chances for admission to Ph.D. And professional school programs
    - Travel awards to present research at national conferences afford JSU faculty wide and positive exposure, permit networking opportunities.
    - Building Campus-Wide Awareness of Re-Accreditation efforts through Re-Accreditation Assessment Awareness Day at Jackson State.
    - Providing faculty, deans, and chairs with teaching assessment data from Student Instructional Rating System.
    - Students are given the opportunity to participate in global experiences, learn foreign languages, and improve their reading, writing, and analytical thinking skills in global context.
    - Improved faculty understanding of how to assess student learning outcomes at all program levels.
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.


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: Mokhtar Aouina (1/13-16/2010, San Francisco, CA, Joint Mathematics Meeting); The National Association of African American Studies 18th Annual Conference was held in Baton Rouge, LA from February 8-13, 2010. The Center offered travel assistance to the following faculty members: Drs. Ronica Arnold, Lakitta Johnson, Tabitha Otieno, Benjamin Nwudike, Regina F. McMurtery, Lou H. Sanders, Gloria Dansby-Giles, and Ayanna Gill-McGee; Dr. Michelle Deardorff (2/4-7/2010, Philadelphia, PA, American Political Science Association Seventh Annual Teaching and Learning Conference); Dr. Mark Bernhardt (2/11-13/2010, Albuquerque, NM, 2010 Southwest/Texas Popular Culture/American Culture Conference); Dr. Stephen McLeod (2/25-28/2010, San Antonio, TX, Interdisciplinary and Multi-cultural Conference on Food Representation in Literature, Film, and the Other Arts); Dr. Edmund Merem (2/22-24/2010, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USDA Land Sea Grant Conference); The Southwestern Society of Economists Conference was held in Dallas, TX on March 3-6, 2010. The Center provided travel assistance to the following faculty members to attend this conference: Drs. Nicholas Hill, Okechukwu Anyamele, Khashruzza Choudhury and Geungu Yu; The 75th Jubilee Conference of Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists was held in Charlotte, NC on March 17-20, 2010. The Center funded Drs. Jacqueline Franklin and Thomas Calhoun’s travel to attend this conference; Dr. Mohammed Khadivi (3/4-6/2010, Hammond, LA, Mathematical Association of America LA/MS Section 87th Annual Meeting); Dr. Robert Luckett (3/4-6/2010, Gulfport, MS, Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting); Dr. Everett Neasman (3/4-6/2010, Beaumont, TX, Conference of College Teachers of English & 3/25-27/2010. San Antonio, TX, National College English Association Conference); Dr. Gloria Dansby-Giles (3/19-21/2010, Pittsburgh, PA, American Counseling Association); Dr. Raghu Gompa (3/10-13/2010, Conway, AR, University of Central Arkansas); Professor Christopher Olszewski (3/4-6/2010, Corpus Christi, TX, 16th OSO Bay Biennial).
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