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President's Report

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Board approval of 3-college model; announcement of interim deans soon

The Board of Visitors approved the 3-college model on April 14th. The college structure changes effective July 1. The Provost expects to announce the appointments of Interim Deans to NBS and AH by the end of April.

ULLC 100/ENGL 123:

The English Department met with the Office of Institutional research to explore the compatibility of CNU's QEP with SCHEV as regards the possible merging of ULLC 100 and ENGL 123. The English Department found (see attached memo) that the goals, learning objectives, methods and rich, analytic writing environment would meet all of the QEP requirements. Indeed, The Office of Institutional Research suggested that housing the QEP requirements in ENGL 123 could provide a much more rigorous assessment tool, as all students would have had comparable training in analytic writing. Since the pre and post assessment instrument relies on student written work, and since ULLC 100 classes variously focused on writing and since ENGL 123 by definition focuses on critical thinking and writing, housing the SCHEV critical thinking assessment within ENGL 123 promises to serve as a more controlled, comparable assessment across classes. Accordingly, the English department unanimously affirmed blending ULLC 100 with ENGL 123. This proposal was approved by the Provost and is going through the curricular review process.

Faculty Incentive Grant Review Process Begins

Valerie Cheeseman, Director of Sponsored Programs, has been assembling a team of 4-5 faculty to begin reviewing proposals for the Faculty Incentive Grant program.

The description: "All full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members are eligible to apply for Faculty Incentive Grants, which typically take the form of summer stipends.

The core requirement is to submit a project description similar to a concept paper. These incentive awards are meant to encourage faculty to write and submit proposals for large grants (in excess of \$30,000) to an external funding agency or to a foundation. The maximum FIG award to a faculty member is \$2,000. Applications are available by emailing OSP Director Valerie Cheeseman at valerie.cheeseman@cnu.edu"

Service Learning Grants

The Center for Service Learning and Social Entrepreneurship (SLSE) invites faculty to apply for Service Learning Course Development Stipends for the summer of 2009. Up to five stipends of \$500 each will be awarded to fund faculty time and/or resources