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KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY'S QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

GLOBAL LEARNING FOR ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP

Kennesaw State University's (KSU) 10-year review for accreditation by SACS/COC will occur in 2006-2007. The SACS new Principles for Accreditation require that institutions develop, implement, and assess the impact of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

The QEP describes a carefully designed and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined topic related to enhancing student learning involving in-class and out-of-class experiences. The QEP builds upon the institution's ongoing, integrated, campus-wide planning and evaluation process. SACS will evaluate each QEP on the following four key elements: 1) whether the QEP is focused and improves student learning, 2) whether the institution has sufficient organizational, human, and budgetary resources to develop and implement the plan, 3) the institution's assessment of the impact of the plan, and 4) whether there was broad-based involvement of the campus community in the development and implementation of the plan.

KSU's QEP is "Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship" and will be implemented from 2007-2012. KSU has had almost two decades of institutional engagement in international education. KSU is poised to advance to a new level of effectiveness in which all graduates will be prepared as global citizens.

KSU kicked off development of its QEP in January of 2005. During January to June of 2005, A QEP Topic Focus task force, consisting of faculty, staff, students, and administrators, was formed to engage the campus in selecting a QEP topic. The task force was co-chaired by Dr. Valerie Whittlesey, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Gail Webster, Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Sports Science. This group initiated a campus-wide call for QEP outlined topic proposals. Five topics were submitted to the task force. In April of 2005, all KSU faculty, staff, students, and administrators were asked to complete an on-line survey indicating their feedback and preferences on the five proposed QEP topics. Based on feedback of the campus and the approval of the KSU SACS Leadership team, "Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship" was selected as KSU's QEP.

During October of 2005, a QEP steering committee, which consisted of faculty, staff, students, and administrators, was formed to collect baseline information of existing global learning campus initiatives and to develop QEP goals and outcomes. The steering committee was co-chaired by Dr. Valerie Whittlesey, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Christina Horne, Coordinator of the Undergraduate Nursing Program and Professor of Nursing. (continued on page 2)

Mission Statement:

The Center for University Learning exists to instill and inspire the culture of learning throughout the organization by providing quality training and learning initiatives that promote and encourage professional, personal and leadership development for KSU faculty and staff.



Congratulations to the graduates of:



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| Pamela Davis | Percy Ivey |
| Kandice Johnson | Linda Johnston |
| Dawn Kirby | LaShandra Little |
| Dorothy Marsil | Stefano Mazzotta |
| Nicolyl Myles | Rebecca Petersen |
| Chris Randall | Kathy Rechsteiner |
| Wes Riddle | John Selmon |
| Joann Trodahl | Judith Walper |

Thanks to all who expressed interest in this year's program. Be on the lookout for information on the Excel 2007 Class scheduled for May 21st - May 25th, 2007.

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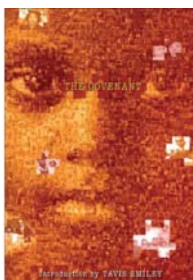
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Suggested Book of the Quarter



In conjunction with the Nationwide Covenant Tour Book Discussions, on Friday, May 19th The Center for University Learning and The Office of Global Diversity, Legal and Community Affairs hosted a book discussion on “**The Covenant with Black America**” by Tavis Smiley. At the close of the 2005 State of the Black Union in Atlanta, the public was invited to weigh in on the most challenging issues facing Black America. Tavis states that because of the huge response, we now have “**The Covenant**”, a document that outlines how individuals, groups, communities and the body politic can move forward to make this nation better. The Covenant book is made up of 10 chapters on the issues identified by the public. They include economic disparity, health, education and environmental justice. *“The book discussion was great because it brought together faculty, staff and even a former student.*

The discussion was rich, the opinions were varied, and all ideas were welcomed. It was a wonderful community-building event for the campus with the potential to create change both on and off campus”, says group participant, Sheryl Bauerschmidt, Project IDEAS Program Coordinator. The Center for University Learning’s resource library has copies available, to sign out or read at your leisure.

*The Resource Library also offers computer access, training videos, books, the Chronicle for Higher Education and much more!
Come visit the Center and see for yourself!*



KSU Covenant's Book Discussion Group

The Resource Library is located at the KSU Center, Room 176. All materials are available to enjoy at the Resource Library or to check out for your convenience. Hours of operation are 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.

GLOBAL LEARNING FOR ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP (continued from page 1)

KSU has defined “Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship” as an educational process that enhances one’s competence for participating responsibly in the diverse, multicultural, international, and interdependent world. “Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship” will be facilitated through internationally and interculturally intensive courses, programs, and experiences.

The QEP steering committee developed the following proposed goals/outcomes for the “Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship” QEP:

- Increase the percentage of KSU community members (students, faculty, staff, and administrators) who experience educational growth in “Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship”;
- Increase the percentage of KSU courses and degree programs that are international/intercultural intensive;
- Increase the percentage of KSU participants in international educational travel;
- Increase the co-curricular opportunities/programs that are international/intercultural intensive, on-campus, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally;
- Increase the percentage of grants and contracts that support global learning teaching, service, and research;
- Increase the percentage of institutional investment and fundraising support for global learning.

The QEP topic focus task force and the QEP steering committee have worked to get feedback from the campus throughout the QEP process. The QEP co-chairs have discussed QEP work at various campus and community meetings (ex. Senate, Faculty Council, Staff Council, Student Government Association, Dean’s Council, Department Chairs Council, Student Success Directors, Registered Student Organizational Leaders, KSU All Board’s Day, etc.). In addition, members of the QEP steering committee conducted focus groups with KSU students in the residence hall during spring semester.

Future plans for development of the QEP include developing a 75 page QEP proposal document during fall semester of 2006. After the proposal is disseminated to the campus for feedback and review, the final document will be submitted to SACS in December for the SACS on-site review in March of 2007. If the SACS on-site review committee approves KSU’s QEP proposal on “Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship”, KSU will implement the QEP in summer of 2007 and then submit an impact report five years later.

We welcome your ideas and feedback concerning KSU’s QEP. For more information or to provide your feedback, contact Valerie Whittlesey (vwhittle@kennesaw.edu or 770-423-6023).

KSU Staff Senate

The Staff Senate has elected its 2006-2007 members. Thirty staff members have stepped up to the call to represent you. Election of officers along with committee chairs will take place next month. Stay tuned for information regarding who your representative is and news of events for the coming year.

The first event for 2006 will be an ice cream social "on the green" on Monday, July 10th. Time to be announced at a later date. Our new President, Dr. Papp, will be on hand to meet and greet, so mark your calendar! Other upcoming events are the QEP for staff and Opening 2006 Week!

Staff Senate meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month and are open to anyone. Any staff member interested in attending or becoming involved in the many projects and activities sponsored by the Staff Senate is invited to contact any Staff Senate member for more information.

For more details about Staff Senate activities, visit our web page at:
www.kennesaw.edu/staff/

University Administrators Council (UAC)

This Spring campus administrators held a general election to select their representatives on the new University Administrators Council (UAC). Nominations were called for in April and elections were held in May. Your slate of officers for the coming year are:

Bob Mattox – President
Lynda Lyons – President-Elect
Sandy Stoudenmire – Secretary
Kris Turnbull – Academic Affairs Representative
Rita Adams – Business and Finance Representative
Betty Childress – Chief Information Officer and Human Resources Representative
Durba Chatterjee – Global Diversity, Legal and Community Affairs, President's Reports and University Advancement Representative
John Selmon – Student Success and Enrollment Services Representative

The UAC committee will meet once per month and have a representative from the Staff Senate and the Faculty Senate at each of the meetings. In turn, the UAC will have a representative at the meetings of the Staff and Faculty Senate. This will allow for more uniform communications among the representative groups and will assist the university by providing more global input on decisions.

The UAC committee welcomes your input and participation. We will be surveying the membership on a regular basis so that you may have input on the decisions that will need to be made. In addition, we ask for your unsolicited input.

Our first UAC committee meeting will take place on July 11th at 11am in KHE 1203. At that meeting we will begin the organization process, review our bylaws and begin to set an agenda for the upcoming year. Beginning Fall semester, a new overall KSU governance structure will take place and the UAC will have an equal voice for the first time. The committee looks forward to working with you and representing you in the new structure. We ask that you don't hesitate to call any one of us with regard to UAC business.



The Center for University Learning announces the Ethical Leadership Certificate Program

The Ethical Leadership Certificate Program is a multi-tiered leadership development program endorsed by the Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character and managed by The Center for University Learning. This non-credit, certificate program consists of 36, three-hour competency based modules divided into three levels addressing several areas/issues in leadership development, networking with other KSU constituents and ethical character building skills.

Applications are now being accepted for potential participants for the 2nd ELC class. For more information on the ELC Program, visit our website at www.kennesaw.edu/learning_ctr and click on the link titled Ethical Leadership Certificate or contact our office at ext. 3450. **Deadline for applications is August, 11th, 2006.**

You won't want to miss these Upcoming Campus Programs!

Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character

September 26, 2006 - Luncheon Dialogue with invited guest speaker TBA

Global Diversity and Community Affairs

contact the Office of the Vice President for Global Diversity, Legal and Community Affairs at 770-499-3562 for more information.

July 6, 18, 20 and Aug 8 & 10, 2006 (TENATIVE) - The Covenant with Black America Book Discussion

August 17, 2006 - Diversity Celebration Luncheon

September 9, 2006 - Dragon Boat Festival at Lake Lanier Island

September 24, 2006 - Diversity and Intercultural Film Series, 2006 Atlanta Asian Film Festival, Diversity Celebration Dinner

CAREing Center

contact Patsy Matthews in the CAREing Center at 770-499-3340 for more information

September 16, 2006 - Poetry of the Golden Generation - a competition designed to encourage poets 50 years of age and older to submit their unpublished works (One \$500 prize and four \$100 prizes will be given)

October 4, 2006 - Consortium on Active Retirement & Aging (CARA)

It's about Time: Reflections on the Experiences of Aging & Story Telling - An Interactive Workshop

Center for University Learning

contact Anita Jackson in the Center for University Learning at 770-499-3450 for more information

July 12, 2006 - Brown Bag Lunch Series: Developing Intercultural Competence

July 19, 2006 - Brown Bag Lunch Series: Rate Your Plate - a quick way to make sure you are eating healthy

July 26, 2006 - Brown Bag Lunch Series: The Many Faces of Power

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