From the Dean – Opportunities this Fall

Welcome back to a very full fall semester at Emporia State University. The summer was a long, hot summer but the fall crispness is now in the morning air. This slight seasonal change brings some major changes at ESU. Searches for a new President, a new Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, numerous faculty and staff positions make this fall semester one of potential change; with change comes a multitude of struggles and opportunities. Harry Truman once said, “A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. It is my hope that the ESU community takes this season of change to open up opportunities that will help all ESU faculty, students, administration and staff. The Graduate School, Distance Education and Research and Grants offices have many “opportunities” that we hope you will take advantage of during the fall semester. These opportunities include:

- Graduate Advisor Workshop – Oct. 5 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Plumb Hall 313.
- IRB and Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop – Oct. 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in VH 330 or Oct. 27 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Roe R Cross Room. This is the same workshop each day, offered twice to catch those of you who cannot make it on one of these days. Additional information is available on page 2.
- Research and Creativity Committee Grant Program - grant awards to facilitate research, scholarly, and artistic productivity. Deadline for grant proposals is Dec. 1. Additional information is available on page 2.
- Grant Proposal Incentive program – funds are available for faculty submitting external grant proposals - [http://www.emporia.edu/research/faculty-and-student-support/index.html](http://www.emporia.edu/research/faculty-and-student-support/index.html).
- Student research support – if your students are doing research and they need financial assistance, they can apply to receive support. Additional information is available on page 3.
- Research Assistance – The Research and Grants Center has a graduate research assistant available to assist faculty with various aspects of a research project or a grant proposal. Call Pam Fillmore at x5351 for information.

Opportunities are everywhere this fall. “The world is all gates, all opportunities, strings of tension waiting to be struck” (Ralph Waldo Emerson). Hopefully, you will find one or two strings to be struck this semester.

Welcome back
Kathy Ermler, Dean
Proposals due for Faculty Research & Creativity Committee

Grant proposals for the ESU Faculty Research and Creativity Committee must be submitted to the Research and Grants Center by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 1. This grant program is intended to facilitate research, scholarly and artistic productivity by faculty, and provides seed money for projects that have potential for external funding.

The 2011-2012 grant program guidelines will be posted to our web site and announced on Buzz In the first week of October, so please watch for that announcement.

The following links are intended to serve as resource tools for those who may be considering submitting a proposal.

http://www.emporia.edu/research/grant-awards.html - contains a list of grants previously awarded by the committee.
www.emporia.edu/research/documents/FAQs.pdf - contains a list of frequently asked questions about the grant program.

You are encouraged to contact a member of the Faculty Research and Creativity Committee if you have questions. A list of members is included at the bottom of this page.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and IRB Training

Two workshops have been scheduled for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and IRB (Human Subjects) – any faculty or graduate students involved in research, whether or not human subjects are being used, should plan on attending one of these sessions. Bill Sharp, previous Director of the Office of Research Integrity at the University of Kansas and currently Assistant Director of Research Administration at KU, will conduct the 2-hour workshops. Each session will provide one hour of training on the responsible conduct of research and one hour on utilizing human subjects in research. The schedule is:

Wednesday, October 26, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Visser Hall 330
Thursday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Roe. R. Cross Room, Cremer Hall 204

Both sessions will contain the same material - you only need to attend one. We strongly encourage faculty involved in research, whether externally-funded or not, and graduate students participating in research projects, attend one of these sessions.

2011-2012 Faculty Research and Creativity Committee

• Wolf Bordonaro – Counselor Education
• DeVito – Business Administration and Education
• Ermler – Dean, Graduate School
• Ghosh – Accounting and Information Systems
• Jones – Physical Sciences
• MacDonald – Psychology
• Miller – Math/Computer Science/Economics
• Pontius – Communication and Theatre

Responsibility Conduct of Research (RCR) and IRB Training

The guidelines for research and related activities involving human subjects are available at www.emporia.edu/research/irb.htm. The members of the Institutional Review Board are:

• Pam Abel, Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative, USD #253, Emporia
• *Mike Butler, Health, Physical Education and Recreation
• Scott Crupper, Biology
• Kathy Ermler, Dean, Graduate School
• Pam MacDonald - Psychology
• Gary Wyatt, Sociology, Anthropology, Crime & Delinquency Studies

* IRB Chair

Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Treatment of Human Subjects
Proposal and Grant Activity
FY 2010 - FY 2011

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Proposal Incentive Awards

Faculty who submit external competitive grant proposals are eligible to receive financial incentive awards for their efforts. This program is a joint effort between the President’s Office and the Research and Grants Center. Eligibility guidelines and information on stipend amounts are available at www.emporia.edu/research/Incentiveprogram.htm.

Faculty eligible to receive incentive awards for February-September are:

$500 to Elizabeth Yanik, Joe Yanik, and Marvin Harrell, Math/Computer Science/Economics, “Kauffman Scholar Summer Residential Institute,” Kauffman Scholars, Inc.


$500 to Darla Mallein, Social Sciences, “Using Primary Sources to Meet State Social Studies and Literacy Standards: A Professional Development Workshop,” Illinois State University.

$500 to DeWayne Backhus, Physical Sciences, “Modeling Physical Science Concepts: A Workshop for Middle and Junior High School Teachers,” Kansas Space Grant Consortium, WSU.

$2,000 to Salim Sehlaoui, English, Modern Languages, and Journalism, and Nancy Albrecht, School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education, “Project DIVERSITAS,” U.S. Department of Education.

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Memorial Union Ballroom
Proposal Incentive Awards, continued

$2,000 to Salim Sehlaoui, English, Modern Languages, and Journalism, and Nancy Albrecht, School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education “Project EQUITAS,” U.S. Department of Education.

$500 to Kim Simons and Malonne Davies, Physical Sciences, “Vernier Instrumentation Grant,” Vernier Software & Technology.


Please join us in congratulating the above faculty members.

**ESU Receives New Talent Search Grant**

ESU’s TRIO office can breathe a sigh of relief, at least for a while. The Talent Search program has received a new five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Annual funding is $230,000, for a total of $1,150,000.

With an office in Emporia and one in Leavenworth, the Talent Search program works with 513 middle school and high school students in Emporia, Leavenworth, and Atchison to provide academic services and programs to enable them to succeed in school and to assist them in pursuing a post-secondary education. Programs include monthly interactive workshops covering topics such as college awareness, career exploration, study skills, financial literacy, self-discovery, leadership, and goal-setting. Staff provides assistance with completing college admission applications, financial aid forms, scholarship searches and scholarship applications. Other activities include campus visits, cultural activities, parent workshops, summer programs, and ACT preparation.

The Department of Education received 968 applications in the most recent competition, which only comes around once every 4-5 years. With an initial cut-off score of 100, a total of 452 grants were funded. ESU’s score was an average of 113 with prior experience points. The current ESU Talent Search program was first funded in 2006.

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**Kudos to IDT Students**

ESU IDT student team Michael Stewart and Jason Baker have been selected as one of three winning teams to present at the 2011 AECT PacifiCorp finals at the November AECT (Association for Educational Communications and Technology) International Convention in Jacksonville, FL.

The PacifiCorp design and development competition requires teams to design and develop a detailed written solution and oral report in response to a complex instructional design case study.

They are the 4th team from IDT and ESU to make it into the finals over the last 5 years.

Congratulations Michael and Jason!

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Save the date – April 26 – Research & Creativity Day!