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Strategies for Institutional Engagement Conference

Eighty-seven of Oklahoma's higher education Vice Presidents, Deans, Service-Learning Coordinators, Community Service Directors and faculty attended the Oklahoma Campus Compact conference on February 4, 2008 in Oklahoma City to hear presentations from and engage in questions and answers with the following two national leaders in Institutional Engagement:

- Dr. Robert G. Bringle, Chancellor's Professor of Psychology and Philanthropic Studies, and Director for the Center for Service and Learning, School of Science University Graduate School, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; and
- Dr. Amy Driscoll, Consulting Scholar, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Dr. Bringle addressed issues in strengthening institutional support for service-learning and civic engagement, and spoke directly to documentation in compliance with accreditation for the Higher Learning Commission's Criterion Five on Engagement and Service. He highlighted an American Association of Colleges and Universities Survey of Employers on the "Best Methods for Ensuring that Graduates have Knowledge/Skills" which showed that 83% of the employers surveyed thought that Internship/Community-based Projects Where Students Apply College Learning in Real-World Settings was the most effective. Other topics covered by Dr. Bringle included Promotion and Tenure,

Participatory Research, Institutional Portfolios, and Resources.

Dr. Bringle's presentation was followed by a panel of Dr. Terry Britton, President, Rose State College; Dr. Kent Johnson, Director for the Program for Instructional Innovation, University of Oklahoma; and Dr. Corey Moore, Professor and Chair of Rehabilitation, Counseling and Disability Studies, Langston University, in discussion of Oklahoma aspects.

Dr. Driscoll spoke to Carnegie's 2006 Community Engagement Classification, giving its intentions, and detailing the application and review process. After covering the different categories and providing examples, she shared observations on strengths, areas needing improvement, the benefits of the CE Classification, and tips from recently classified institutions.

Over lunch the conferees heard a presentation on the Convergence in Civic Engagement and Service Learning from Dr. Kathryn Gage, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Mr. Josh Krawczyk, Director of Volunteer and Service Learning, and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, from the University of Central Oklahoma. The presentation addressed collaboration in Student and Academic Affairs.

The power point presentations from both of the national presenters are available on the Oklahoma Campus Compact website at <http://www.okhighered.org/campus-com>.

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Almost all of the survey respondents indicated that they had gained a better understanding of service-learning, civic engagement, Criterion Five, and the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

OkCC AmeriCorps*VISTA Update

Oklahoma Campus Compact's AmeriCorps*VISTA program is rapidly developing. To date, the VISTA State Project Coordinator and five of the fifteen allotted VISTA members are in place, with at least four more potential VISTAs scheduled to come on board. Join us in welcoming these new people to the ranks of community engagement:

- State Project Coordinator
Ms. Risa Johnson comes to us as a former employee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, with important personal and professional experience that includes community engagement. Risa began this position January 1, 2008, and can be reached at: rjohnson@osrhe.edu or (405) 225-9228.

The five new VISTA Members who have completed the AmeriCorps orientation and been sworn in for their year of service are:

Name	Institution
Khalid Ali	University of Oklahoma (Dana Cesar and Suzanne McAuley, Supervisors)
Jessica Anthony	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (Robert Edmondson, Supervisor)
Courtney Austin	Tulsa Community College (Robert Butler, Supervisor)
Takiesha Harris	Rose State College (Joanne Stafford, Supervisor)
Kimberly Pleasants	University of Central Oklahoma (Josh Krawczyk, Supervisor)

These VISTA members will serve their institutions' communities by building capacity that is sustainable for community service, service-learning and volunteerism.

The following project sites have registered potential VISTA members for AmeriCorps orientation:

Institution
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (Gina Manders, Supervisor)
Northwestern Oklahoma State University (James Bowen, Supervisor)
Rose State College (Sherri Mussatto, Supervisor)
The University of Oklahoma (Dana Cesar and Suzanne McAuley, Supervisors)

Oklahoma is proud to be one of the twenty-five state Campus Compacts with an AmeriCorps*VISTA grant (out of a total of 34 Campus Compact states).

NOTE: Supervisors State Orientation is scheduled for Friday, March 28th, tentatively from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National AmeriCorps Week is May 11-18, 2008. Although this timing is awkward for college campuses, you may have opportunities for events with community partners. Go to www.AmeriCorpweek.gov for more information.

Campus Compact Survey Results

Kudos to you! Oklahoma outranked the other 32 Campus Compact states in its response rate to the 2007 Campus Compact Annual Membership Survey with 94% of its member institutions responding. The 15-page survey results will be made available soon in detail. Until then, some of the highlights:

- Oklahoma still lags the average of Campus Compact states in the number of service-learning courses offered, the number of faculty teaching service-learning courses, and the percentage of students involved in community service, service-learning, and civic engagement activities;
- Oklahoma students average 4 hours per week participation in service activities compared to 5 hours per week average for Campus Compact states;
- Institutions in other Campus Compact states value the AmeriCorps*VISTA program more highly than do Oklahoma institutions; and
- Of resources and services offered, both Oklahoma and other states' institutions most highly valued the Compact-sponsored conferences and workshops, faculty development, networking opportunities, resource materials / support, and service-learning syllabi.

State Service-Learning Incentive Grants

Oklahoma Campus Compact will soon announce a third round of Service-Learning Incentive Grants, to be available for the Fall Semester, 2008 for first-time applicants. The grant consists of \$500 for expenses incurred in a service-learning course. Ten service-learning incentive grants were made in 2006-07, and another ten in 2008.

Watch your electronic mail and the Oklahoma Campus Compact website at www.okhighered.org/campus-com/ for this opportunity.

Student and Faculty Awards

Three student awards and one faculty award through the Oklahoma Campus Compact have application dates due March 21, 2008:

Swearer Student Humanitarian Award – Made by National Campus Compact, this award recognizes students for their innovative strategies to address community issues and needs, and their efforts to build and sustain this work among their peers and within their institutions. Five awards are made nationally; award consists of \$1,250 for student's use in professional development and \$250 donation to a service program/organization student has been involved with. Apply at www.compact.org/awards/swearer/2008.

Frank Newman Leadership Award – Made by National Campus Compact, this award is designed to support students with financial need who have shown civic leadership potential through public and community service and scholastic achievement. Two awards are made nationally; award consists of \$5,000 from the Frank Newman Leadership Fund. Apply at www.compact.org/awards/newman/2008.

Carter Academic-Service Entrepreneur (CASE) Grant – Made by the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation for campus-community collaboration to three students in Oklahoma who indicate the most innovative and promising use of the \$1,000 grant to establish or significantly further a partnership between the student (and his or her school) and a community non-profit organization. Three awards for Oklahoma; award consists of \$1,000 for community need. Apply at: www.jrcpf.org and www.servicebook.org.

Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning - Campus Compact recognizes one faculty member each year for exemplary leadership in advancing the civic learning of students, including public scholarship, building campus commitment to service-learning and civic engagement, and fostering reciprocal community partnerships. The deadline for applications for this award is also March 21, 2008. One award of \$2,000 will be granted to a faculty member from a Campus Compact institution. Ten finalists will also be selected and recognized. Apply at: www.compact.org/awards/ehrllich/2008.

Civic Engagement

Democracy and Civic Engagement: A Call to Action

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) will host a two-day conference March 10-11, 2008 on civic engagement. Sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Oklahoma Campus Compact, The New York Times, and UCO, the event is designed for students, administrators, staff, faculty, and community partners. The conference will feature an Opening Plenary on "Developing Informed and Engaged Citizens: The Imperative for Higher Education" by George Mehaffy, Vice President for Academic Leadership and Change, American Association for State Colleges and Universities, along with numerous panel and roundtable discussions.

Register Online: <http://www.acteva.com/go/adp>

Contact: Patti Loughlin, American Democracy Project Coordinator at UCO

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Civic Engagement, continued

Engaging Students in the 2008 Elections

As the city of St. Paul hosts the 2008 National Republican Convention, the Minnesota Campus Compact is inviting people to join it on April 4th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a powerful set of discussions about new ways for engaging students and campuses and communities in the context of the 2008 election. These plans may give rise to ideas for discussions on your own campus. Civic engagement leaders, including presidents, deans, students, faculty, civic engagement advocates and practitioners, will assemble to ask:

- What does it mean to build a vibrant democracy?
- What improvement in our systems would insure that all can participate in our democracy?
- What leadership and competencies will we develop on our campuses and in ourselves to support a truly vibrant democracy?

Keynote Speaker: Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State

Response: Former Minnesota Governor Al Quie

The event will take place at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Contact: Minnesota Campus Compact at www.mncampuscompact.org

Professional Development

The 2008 Campus Compact Professional Development Institute

Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1, 2008, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia

Oklahoma Campus Compact plans to offer 5 scholarships for registration (\$795 if registered before March 31, 2008). This offer is for institutions serious about building a service-learning and civic engagement infrastructure at their institution. The Institute provides tools, resources, and training to move your institution forward in this work. Institutions will need to provide travel and related expenses. Please watch your electronic mail for more details to come regarding scholarship selection criteria.

Institute Information

Designed specifically for professionals in their first five years in the field, this institute offers four and a half days of must-have knowledge, from some of the most respected practitioners in the field. The deadline for registration at the lowest rate (\$795) is by March 31, 2008.

Respond quickly when you see the e-mail.

Registration begins March 3 and closes June 30, 2008.

Members: \$895 (\$795 before 3/31/08)

Nonmembers: \$1150 (\$1050 before 3/31/08)

Register online and view past year's agendas: http://www.compact.org/initiatives/csd_institute/

9th Annual Conversations on Community Renewal Conference—Let's Talk Success!

Hosted by the Oklahoma Community Institute, the conference will be held March 25-26, 2008 at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The categories for the breakout sessions are: Arts and Tourism; Education; and Health. Higher Education is traditionally deeply involved in the OCI's endeavors, with several institutional presidents serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Register online at: <http://www.ocionline.org>

Contact: OCI at (405) 208-8882

Eighth International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement

Tulane University's Center for Public Service and the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement will sponsor this conference October 25-28, 2008 in New Orleans at the Marriott Hotel at the Convention Center.

The theme is "The Scholarship of Engagement: Dimensions of Reciprocal Partnerships."

Conference information and Call for Proposal forms are available at: www.researchslce.org/2008conference.html

To be considered, all proposals must be received via electronic submission by 11:59 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Notifications of acceptance will be made by May 30, 2008.

Contact: slce2008@tulane.edu. Faculty selected to present may be eligible for attendance scholarships from Oklahoma Campus Compact.

Contact Ms. Gina Wekke, Executive Director, at gwekke@osrhe.edu.

Student Engagement

“Film Your Issue 2008” Competition Launches

With the vision of engaging young adults in contemporary issues, finding out what issues impact them, and encouraging them to add their voices to the public dialogue and understand the power of every voice, a host of major entities (listed below) are sponsoring a film competition for young adults ages 14 to 24. The film must be a maximum of two minutes in length, animated or live action on any subject.

Hosts include: Associated Press, USA Today, United Nations, Gates Foundation, NAACP, MTV, MySpace, American Film Institute, Association of American Colleges and Universities, the Humane Society, Human Rights Campaign, National Association of Student Councils, P.O.V., ASCAP, and International Documentary Association.

Prizes include

- Internships at USA TODAY, The United Nations, The Humane Society and the award-winning PBS series P.O.V.;
- A \$5,000 college scholarship from The Gates Foundation;
- A winner profiled on MTV News;
- Winners broadcast to the 30+ million viewers of Starz;
- Entries distributed by Associated Press to its 1,800 Online Video Network media outlets; and
- A VIP Pass and film presentation at AFI Silverdocs.

The deadline for entries is April 14, 2008. Visit www.filmyourissue.com to register to enter, and for news updates. For further information, contact Film Your Issue, 323 666 6646.

Student Campaign for Public Service

A new initiative promoting service and civic engagement, the Student Campaign for Public Service (www.campaignforpublicservice.org) is looking for student leaders at Campus Compact schools. The Student Campaign for Public Service is a non-profit endeavor with support from the McCormick Tribune Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers, and other leading national advocates for public service. It is also part of a larger organizing effort of proponents of expanding service programs and resources, Service Nation.

The student leaders will have the opportunity to work on a nationwide petition drive calling upon the presidential candidates to expand public service opportunities. The petition reads:

We, the undersigned students, care deeply about the many challenges that confront us today at home and abroad such as poverty, hunger, environmental crises, educational disparities, inequality and violence.

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in positive change through public service.

We call upon the 2008 presidential candidates to expand national service programs so that we, as a generation, can get to work.

In the months ahead, the organization aims to collect 50,000 to 100,000 signatures. Prior to the general election in November 2008, the students will publicly deliver their petitions to the presidential candidates.

Modeled after the 1960 University of Michigan student-led petition that inspired John F. Kennedy to create the Peace Corps, today's petition continues the rich tradition of campus activism and ongoing inspiration of the service-learning community and teachers.

Students who participate in this campaign will:

- Work with other students across the country
- Foster campus discussion about citizenship and public service
- Authentically engage in campus organizing methods
- Learn to make their voices heard

Students and teachers can participate in making history now, by organizing the petition drive on their campuses. For more information on how your school can participate, visit www.campaignforpublicservice.org or contact the campaign coordinator, Anna Gomberg at 312-666-0195 or anna@campaignforpublicservice.org.

President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

No doubt you've seen the announcement for the 2007 Honor Roll, sponsored jointly by the Corporation for National and Community Service Learn and Serve America program, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, Campus Compact, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Oklahoma institutions earned these distinctions:

Presidential Honor Roll with Distinction (In a total of 127 schools nationally)

- Rose State College

President's Honor Roll (In a total of 391 schools nationally)

- East Central University
- Oklahoma City Community College
- Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of Tulsa

Congratulations to Oklahoma's honorees. All are Oklahoma Campus Compact members!

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**"Why do we need more than a vocational education?
In part, because we live more than a vocational life:
we live a larger civic life and we have to be educated for it."
– D. Matthews, Kettering Foundation**

Tell us your stories...

Do you have a service-learning or student service project success story? Has a particular civic engagement methodology worked well on your campus? Send your stories to gwekke@osrhe.edu and we will highlight them in upcoming newsletters!

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