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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Campus Compact Director. Dr. Martha Nagle, Director of the Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC), retired effective December 1, 2002. Ms. Gina M. Wekke was appointed Director at the December State Regents' meeting. Ms. Wekke has been with the State Regents for 23 years and worked in various capacities in the Chancellor's office and the Academic Affairs Division. Other responsibilities include accreditation and general academic policy work as assigned. She has a baccalaureate degree in liberal studies from the University of Oklahoma and plans to begin graduate work in fall 2003. OkCC moved from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs in December 2003. However, it will continue a close partnership with the Student Affairs Division under the leadership of Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. You may contact Gina at 405-225-9142 or e-mail [gwekke@osrhe.edu].

OkCC Executive Committee. Members include Chancellor Paul Risser (co-chair), Presidents David Boren – University of Oklahoma, Ernest L. Holloway - Langston University, Dean VanTrease – Tulsa Community College, W. Roger Webb – University of Central Oklahoma, Glen Pedersen – Murray State College, Tom McDaniel – Oklahoma City University, and Dr. Kevin Jacobs, Executive Director of the Christian Leadership Foundation. The committee met on Wednesday, March 5, 2003. Action items included the adoption of a revised OkCC Strategic Plan – see underscore and strikeouts for changes, President Dean Van Trease was elected co-chair, and Dr. David J. Schmidly, President of Oklahoma State University, was appointed to the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Committee received the Student Public Issues Statement written by Oklahoma students during the National Civic Engagement Week of Action (see report below). After reviewing the document, the Committee recommended that it be distributed to the full Presidents Council. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2003.

Campus Compact Advisory Committee. The Chairman of Council on Instruction, Dr. Don Betz, Provost at the University of Central Oklahoma, initiated the forming of a service-learning committee. Membership will include academic and student affairs vice presidents from state and independent colleges and universities and institutional community service administrators. The first meeting will be held in March 2003.

Campus Visits. Gina Wekke and Jennifer Geren are planning institutional visits in the spring to meet with students and administrators to learn about your institution's community services, service learning projects, and how we can aid in your work.

VOICE - Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement

Assistant Director for Campus Compact. Jennifer Geren was hired in August 2002 to serve as the Assistant Director for Campus Compact and Student Liaison. She is responsible for project VOICE and serves as the State Regents' liaison to the Oklahoma Student Government Association and the Student Advisory Board. She is a 2000 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts in

Telecommunication/ Journalism minor. She will begin graduate studies in fall 2003. You may contact Jennifer at (405) 225-9128 or jgeren@osrhe.edu.

Week of Action. The following schools were awarded \$650 mini-grants to be used for activities during National Civic Engagement Week- **A Week of Action**, February 16-22, 2003: Oklahoma City Community College, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, OSU/OKC, Oklahoma State, Cameron, and University of Central Oklahoma. \$150 mini-grants were awarded to Seminole State College, East Central University, Northeastern, and Southeastern. Students at these institutions held voter registration drives, service projects, dialogues, needs drives, high school collaborations, and many more successful activities during the week.

To kick off A Week of Action, VOICE and The University of Central Oklahoma hosted a luncheon at the state capitol for students, state leaders and campus administrators. The day was a huge success with over 90 people in attendance. Governor Brad Henry signed a proclamation declaring it Civic Engagement Week- A Week of Action in Oklahoma and students serving on the Collegiate VOICE Committee presented a Public Issue Statement (see link below).

In December, VOICE and Project 540 (the high school civic engagement program) were awarded additional grant money by Campus Compact to collaborate together during A Week of Action. Joint forums with high school and college students took place between the following colleges and high schools: University of Oklahoma and Norman High School and Norman North High School; Western Oklahoma State College and Altus High School; Tulsa Community College partnered and Thomas Edison Preparatory High School. A joint forum for Oklahoma City is still being planned.

Student Civic Engagement Issue Statement. Students serving on the Collegiate VOICE Committee wrote a public issue statement detailing their commitment to civic engagement. The statement was presented at the capitol on February 17, 2003 and to the State Regents on February 21, 2002. < [LINK](#) Doc 2>

Summer's Reflection. Summer Stowe, OSU junior, attended the Campus Compact National Summit student track in November 2002. Her reflections were featured on the front page of the winter edition of the Campus Compact Current.

AWARDS

Ehrlich Faculty Award. The nomination period is closed for the National Campus Compact annual award for faculty members who work to integrate service into the curriculum and to institutionalize service learning. The award honors Thomas Ehrlich, past chair of the Campus Compact executive committee, President Emeritus of Indiana University, and currently a senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The national office received three nominations from Oklahoma. The award will be announced later this year.

GRANT

Corporation for National and Community Service. Oklahoma and Missouri Campus Compacts are working on a Learn and Serve grant proposal. If funded, the proposal will provide funds through sub grants to institutions interested in developing service learning and civic engagement proposals. The proposal will be submitted April 1, 2003. Participants will be notified in June 2003 of the status of their proposal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ ***Friday, April 4, 2003*** – Community College Faculty Workshop conducted by Dr. Robert Franco, Kapi'olani Community College, University of Hawai'i Oklahoma City Community College. He is an Engaged Fellow for National Campus Compact. The event will be underwritten by the Oklahoma Campus Compact and the Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges. A small fee of \$10 will cover expenses. Participants limited to 48. A brochure will be distributed to campuses in early March.
- ✓ ***Spring Workshop*** - Tulsa Community College plans to sponsor a workshop for community service directors and faculty. The date is to be announced.
- ✓ ***Statewide Student Dialogue, April 12, 2003*** - Oklahoma City Community College
- ✓ ***August 13, 2003*** – Faculty professional development event at the University of Central Oklahoma. Paul Loeb, author of a *Soul of a Citizen* will present to a group of faculty for professional development. Additionally, a smaller session in the afternoon will be arranged for students and faculty. More details to be announced.

SERVICE LEARNING INITIATIVES

Service Learning - Alternative Spring Break. For the last four years Dr. Sharolyn Wallace, Assistant Professor of Human Services at Tulsa Community College (TCC) has taken students to Washington D. C., New York City, and San Francisco on Spring Break to participate in service- learning activities. This year during spring break, Dr. Wallace is taking students to Florida to participate in over 30 hours of hands-on experiential learning while on the trip. Twelve students (ages 21 to 55) and two faculty members will travel to Miami, Florida on Thursday, March 13th and return to Oklahoma Wednesday, March 19. They are scheduled to work at Camillus House for the Homeless, Volunteers of America for individuals with developmental disabilities, a Cooperative Feeding Program in Broward County, and MiamiBridge for runaways and youth. They will also attend the Social Work Festival at Barry University on Friday March 14th as honored guests for their efforts. Group focus sessions on the day's activities will be held each evening in the hotel to reflect on what they are learning. Dr. Wallace and Dr. Diane Potts have conducted research for three years on service learning and presented their findings at the National Organization of Human Services Educators Conference in October 2002. Dr. Laura Walker, Director of Global Education and International Language guides the work of American Campus, which is designed to create the opportunity for students to travel and participate in this kind of experience. ***Congratulations to TCC on this innovative effort to reinforce the importance of service learning!***

RESOURCES

Regional Centers. In 2000 the Oklahoma State Department of Education established five Regional Service-Learning Centers with funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service under the Community, Higher Education, School Partnership grant. The Regional Centers were developed for collaborative outreach, to expand service-learning opportunities, and to provide technical assistance and training to K-12 schools, community-based organizations, youth-based organizations and other public and private institutions.

The five centers have resources including mini-grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 that can be awarded to schools, community-based or faith-based organizations, youth-based organizations or groups, and to faculty members in institutions of higher education. Applications for the service-learning mini-grants are available from the five Regional Centers. All proposals are reviewed and monitored by Regional Youth Advisory Council and must meet established criteria for high-quality academic service learning.

If you have questions about the resources available please contact the Regional Center nearest you. Contact information is attached

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