

ANNOUNCEMENT:

SUMMER FACULTY GRANTS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The Provost has approved \$40,000 for faculty grants to develop and teach courses that address the Goals & Learning Outcomes established by the General Education Task Force (GETF). The purpose is to encourage general education curriculum development and to implement instruction next year. The application process is being developed by the GETF and application forms will soon be available on the GETF website: http://www1.appstate.edu/orgs/gen_ed.

Applications will be accepted for new courses or significant revisions of existing courses. Courses can be designed as multiple section or single section courses, seminars or large lecture classes, lower-division or upper-division classes, 3 credit hours or more, and as on-campus or on-line classes. The Task Force is especially interested in courses that are creative and interdisciplinary, collaborative or that incorporate the co-curriculum. Applications must incorporate demonstrable ways of evaluating success in meeting general education goals and outcomes. Successful applicants will be asked to provide campus feedback in both a written report and a public presentation about the course. New courses will be scheduled as "Special Topics in General Education" in the fall or spring class schedules, and students will be able to meet current general education requirements with the course work. Grant-supported courses, however, will go through the same application process that is developed for permanent inclusion in the new general education curriculum as any other course.

All faculty members are eligible to apply. The grants will fund course development during the summer and the classes should be offered in 2007-08. Grants of \$2000 apiece will be available to fund a total of 20 faculty members. Applications will be due January 8 and funding decisions will be announced by February 1. Questions should be directed to Susan Keefe, keefese@appstate.edu.

There will be a public forum on Friday, September 15, 3-5 pm in Room 03 Edwin Duncan Hall. More information will be presented at that forum regarding these faculty grants and general education curriculum development in general. Please plan to attend.