Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this newsletter is to provide information to faculty and staff about the grants process at the College and to disseminate announcements of grant awards. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu.

College Receives Award from SCHEV for Increasing Adult Degree Completion

Congratulations to Dr. Milan Hayward for his recent award from SCHEV under its College Access Challenge Grant, Adult Degree Completion initiative. The title of his submission was “Adult Learner Completion through Improved Prior Learning Assessment Services.” Dr. Hayward seeks to ramp up existing College initiatives to increase the number of adult college graduates in Virginia by consolidating Prior Learning Assessment Initiatives, including lowering the cost of portfolio evaluation and the inclusion of PLA credit accommodations in the articulation agreements it develops. The audience for these improvements includes military, low-income, and others aged 25 years and older. NOVA was only one of two community colleges funded and the only grantee who proposed activities around Prior Learning Assessment. We look forward to seeing the results of this innovative project.

Dr. Hayward has been instrumental in a number of other grant-funded projects including the creation of the “Drive to Employment Program,” funded by the Commission on National Service, the Governor’s Career and Technical Academy, and has worked on international technical assistance programs in Brazil and South Africa.

Perkins Funds Awarded for 2012 – 2013

NOVA has received an allocation of $275,259.83 in Perkins funds for the current year which will be used to support and supplement the developmental math and English re-design projects at the College. We have identified some barriers that result in lowering rates of access to or success in the programs and have responded with the current Perkins Plan. The Perkins grant will focus on insuring that special populations, Perkins-eligible Career Pathways students have access to the same level of instruction as do all students. We have identified barriers that these students faced and have addressed some of these barriers with this program. All of these improvements have been designed to enable special populations Perkins-eligible CTE students to meet the state and local benchmarks for Perkins student performance measures. For further information on this plan, please contact Dr. George Gabriel, Ms. Teresa Overton, or Ms. Deborah Rosen.

NOVA to work with GMU on National Science Foundation Initiative

Mr. Callan Bentley and Ms. Deborah Rosen, along with a group of math and science faculty from the AN campus, and a group of faculty from George Mason University, worked cooperatively on a National Science Foundation Noyes Scholarship proposal to fund scholarships and learning assistantships for math, science, and engineering majors. Look for further updates on this exciting program!

College’s Loudoun Campus Active

Congratulations to the Loudoun Campus’ Dr. Rosalyn King, Ms. Julie Carvalho, and Ms. Lara Ewing on the success of the Articulated Learning

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Outcomes Psychology 200 pilot program proposal, which has been funded by the VCCS. This proposal requested the development of a face-to-face, on-campus Psy 200, Introduction to Psychology course model, meeting once weekly and geared toward two tiers: general education students and a special honors section (with variation). The course would be offered as a regular 16-week module. The team will be exploring the structure for the development of a hybrid model for the course that could be extracted from their work. The course focus will be to emphasize psychology as a science rather than solely as a therapeutic practice and to broaden the students’ understanding of the scope of the field and the discipline; thus expanding their vision and perspectives for potential advanced study. Best of luck with this endeavor!!

Grants Development Helps NOVA Acquire Funding for New and Existing Programs

Three new efforts illustrate what the Office of Grants Development does for NOVA.

Dr. Syedur Rahman, Director Office of International Sponsored Programs in the Office of Global Studies led by Associate Vice President, Dr. Paul McVeigh, has received notification of a new State Department, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, request for grant proposals that will bring 275 students from the developing world to the United States for a year of study at Community College. The award is worth approximately $11m and would significantly expand NOVA’s Community College Consortium.

Ms. Deborah Rosen and Mr. Robert Henderson of the Office of Grants Development will help assemble and guide development of a competitive proposal to enhance NOVA’s growing national reputation in the field of international student exchange and increase the number of foreign students attending classes in Northern Virginia.

Ms. Deborah Rosen and Ms. Susi Mattheisen of the Office of Grants Development, working closely with Dr. Elizabeth Harper and Mr. Mike Johnson, are putting the final touches on a comprehensive proposal to the Department of Education’s Veterans Upward Bound Program which would, if funded, assist in providing academic support for veterans, including those who are low-income and first generation college. The objective is enrollment in and completion of postsecondary education. This opportunity comes only every four – five years and represents a major competition for scarce federal dollars for activities that could substantially benefit the population of veterans in Northern Virginia.

Professor of Art, Rebecca Kamen (AL) and Mr. Rob Henderson met with the new Executive Vice President Dr. Melvyn Schiavelli to discuss the day-long October 19 Symposium, “Invigorating STEM Education,” that will be held in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center for the Performing Arts on the Alexandria Campus. Dr. Schiavelli is the founding Chancellor of the Harrisburg Technology University, a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania IHE dedicated to STEM education.

Corporate, Commonwealth of Virginia, National Science Foundation and other funding for NOVA’s STEM education efforts are being developed with the Office of Grants Development. Director of SySTEMic Solutions for NOVA, Ms. Amy Harris is also involved in the planning for the October 19 Symposium.

If you have other ideas for funding you would like to discuss with the Office of Grants Development, please call or e-mail Director, Deborah Rosen, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 2-3154; Assistant Director, Rob Henderson, at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 2-3493, or Grant Writer, Susi Mattheisen, at smattheisen@nvcc.edu or 2-3541.

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