Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this publication is to provide basic information to faculty and staff about the grants process at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and to disseminate samples of the types of grant funding that are available. Future topics include the status of various pieces of legislation involving grants for community colleges and various grants applied for and received at NOVA.

New Manager, Grants Oversight Joins the Office of Grants Development

Please join us in welcoming Sara Stoller, as Manager, Grants Oversight, to the Office of Grants Development. Many of you will know Sara from her assistance to Dean Andy Cornell, MEC, in managing the Diagnostic Imaging grant funded by the Department of Labor. Sara came to the College three and one half years ago and contributed greatly to the success of that innovative program.

The Office of Grants is now the beneficiary of her experience in assisting with compliance coordination for a complex and demanding federal grant. Sara is excited to transition into a role that serves the entire college.

She has provided a brief snapshot of how she hopes to serve. “A condensed perspective is given here of several aspects of grant monitoring which may be helpful: Monitoring is the process which ensures the commitments made in the proposal, those goals which secured the grant funding, are met. We evaluate a grant’s progress by utilizing the grant’s management plan to monitor the project’s flow. Does the plan support the grant’s goals? After all, meeting commitments is the name of the game. By successfully completing that which we are going to do, we succeed in our mission to help our students, protect the college’s reputation, and retain our credibility as a grantee. Future funding avenues remain open to the college when our grant project perform. Being a credible grantee facilitates winning new grants. Lastly, monitoring requires accountability and ownership of the results, which is always beneficial in one’s professional development. If you haven’t yet or lately, checked in with the Grants Office; there may be a grant waiting for you and the College!”

Laura Franklin Scores Startalk Again

Dr. Laura Franklin, Professor of French (AL), received this exciting email on January 24th. “Congratulations! I am very pleased to inform you that the proposal from your organization, NOVA STARTALK Teacher Training Workshop has been selected for funding as part of the STARTALK 2011 program.” This is the third renewal of STAR-TALK that has trained high school and community

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college faculty members in the latest teaching and training techniques for critical world languages—Arabic, Hindi, and Chinese. The grants are awarded annually by the National Security Agency (NSA) in partnership with the National Foreign Language Collaborative. Please join us in recognizing this achievement by one of NOVA’s best.

The Green Corner

As a leading educational institution in Northern Virginia (and beyond), NOVA is helping to build a better, more sustainable future. Whether through our active student body advocating for recycling programs, or by constructing new LEED-based buildings on campus, exchanging ideas and information through Green Council meetings, or providing our students with the tools and training to solve environmental problems outside the classroom, NOVA has the capacity to make change happen through its numerous resources.

Starting today, the Grants Department staff will post upcoming “green grant” opportunities for NOVA faculty and staff through this newsletter. Remember, a project can be as straightforward as creating a community garden and planting trees, to integrating environmental principles (such as energy efficiency and green roofs) into an architecture course. If you are interested in applying, the Grants staff would like to hear from you. We stand by ready to help.

The Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE) awards grants in the range of $5,000 to $50,000 to support projects that promise measurable results in the improvement of the environment. VEE’s Virginia Program is focused on water quality research and monitoring of water quality conditions; land and open space conservation; Chesapeake Bay conservation, research, and education; and environmental education. Matching funds are required. The deadline for submitting a proposal is June 15. www.vee.org

EPA’s Office of Environmental Education awards grants each year for projects that enhance the public’s awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. For example, in 2010, the National Council for Science and the Environment (in DC) was awarded $115,000 to expand their Environ-Mentors program by reaching Hispanic and Native American students to prepare them for college and environmental careers. In 2008, Virginia Tech was awarded $25,000 for a collaborative relationship among high school student scientists, their teachers, and researchers from the university in collecting, interpreting, and sharing environmental data at Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge. EPA anticipates that the RFPs for the 2011 grants will be available by early February.

www.epa.gov/education/grants.html

Chancellor of Garden City University College, Kumasi, Ghana pledges MOU for Technical Assistance in Dentistry from MEC

Albert Acquah, Chancellor of the Garden City University College in Ghana, met at the MEC with Dr. Howard Kelley, Coordinator of Dental Hygiene, and Ms. Daria Amato, Associate Professor of Nursing, to follow up a technical assistance and training mission that Ms. Amato organized in the summer of 2010. During the visit, 5 NOVA Dental Hygienists in-training served over 300 patients. Dr. Kelley was granted privileges, and preformed over 24 oral surgeries during the 5 busy days. Mr. Acquah and Dr. Kelley are developing an MOU between NOVA and Garden City to provide technical assistance teams including faculty and administrators to help establish and win accreditation for the first Ghanaian Dental Nursing Program. Dr. Paul McVeigh, Associate Vice President for Global Studies, Ms. Rebekah Ball Accountant for NOVA’s Educational Foundation, and Mr. Robert Henderson, College Grant Writer also attended the meeting at the MEC. Dr. Kelley hopes to return to Ghana twice during the next year with Mr. Acquah to finalize the MOU, brief the Ministry of Education in Accra on the technical assistance program, and meet with the Nurses and Midwives Association on steps toward accreditation. This program represents the cutting edge in American Community Colleges’ global outreach to counterparts in the developing world.

For more information on any of the programs mentioned above, please contact Deborah Rosen, Rob Henderson, Susi Mattheisen, or Sara Stoller in the Office of Grants Development.

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