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 announcements of grant funding. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, the director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3440; Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3493.

Funds to Support Pregnant and Parenting Teens at NOVA are awarded to MEC’s Nursing Division

An exciting new program is being put into place under the direction of MEC to assist NOVA students who are pregnant or who are new parents. The Virginia Department of Health awarded a grant to NOVA for these activities in the amount of $387,281 for one year with the possibility of extension. With these funds, MEC will operate a traveling medical van on a regular schedule to each of the College’s six campuses in Northern Virginia, and help pregnant students by providing specialized health services, counseling, and referrals. College students who are expecting or who have become new parents are more likely to drop out of school because of financial strains, time commitments, added responsibilities, and other factors. A special emphasis of this program will be on reaching out to students with information to combat rape, domestic violence, stalking, and other sexual assaults. More information will become available as MEC kicks-off a campaign later this year to reach out to students, and make them aware of these new resources. A job well done to MEC’s Flo Richman, Harriet Zimmerman, and Gail Jackson, and to Susi Mattheisen in the Grants Office for making this possible.

NOVA Advance Team Travels to South Africa for Major Training Initiative

Northern Virginia Community College is sending an advance team of educators to visit South Africa during the week of November 12-18, 2011. This trip is part of our agreement to work with selected Further Education Training Colleges (FETCs), which in that country cover grades 10 to 12. For one week in September, NOVA’s Alexandria campus was host to 28 South African Program Managers who learned about strategies for student support, retention, program completion, and job placement. The advance team is traveling to make preparations for a technical assistance skills training workshop to take place in March 2012. The team includes Milan Hayward, who has served as an acting academic dean at the Alexandria campus and special assistant for technical education, and the Grant Office’s own Robert Henderson, a seasoned professional who has extensive experience implementing educational programs in 14 African countries. They will be accompanied by Ms. Priscilla Ndlovu, the International Project Manager for American Council for Education (ACE), one of our partners on this pro-

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ject. Their mission, among other things, will be to verify the FETC priorities identified during the September 2011 training workshop. A report and pictures from the trip will be included in our next newsletter. This project is also expected to result in an agreement with Witwatersrand (Wits) University in Johannesburg, South Africa, to develop modules for use by Wits professors to train FETC lecturers on how to teach remedial English and Math.

Thanks to Provost Peter Maphumulo for his great support as project director.

**NOVA Faculty Hope for Grant Awards from VCCS in Latest Round**

Eight applications were submitted last month to the VCCS Professional Development Grants program, and one submission for a VCCS Workshop Mini-Grant. NOVA’s Grants Team worked up until the deadline to assist faculty with reviewing applications, providing feedback, and answering questions. Grants Director Deborah Rosen is also the designated staff person at the College through which all VCCS applications must go through prior to being submitted. Congratulations to all who successfully completed their requests – decisions will be made by December 15. The following applications are pending:

- Ramezan Dowlati (LO), *Educators’ Realistic and Unrealistic Expectations for a 21st Century Mind?*
- Jody Gundrum (MEC), *Implementation of a paired student physical therapist/student physical therapist assistant clinical education service learning 1 credit course in rural Costa Rica.*
- Elizabeth Harper and Pat Lunt (CS), *Review of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policies to comply with Title IX requirements.*
- Joan Osborne (ELI), *Spring 2012 Virtual Conference – Enhancing the e-Learning Environment.*
- Paula Smith (MEC), *Advanced Studies Certificate for Physical Therapy Assistants.*
- Bernard Schmidt (MA), *Virtualization and...*

**Cloud Computing Workshop.**

Robert Thornett (AL), *Exploring Geography in Changing Bolivia.*

The next deadline for applications is February 15 for the summer semester. Please contact the Grants Office (starting now!) if you are interested in applying.

**Green Corner**

In each issue, the Grants Department communicates upcoming opportunities for new available grants. Included are notices that can help you build a greener, more sustainable world through NOVA’s course curriculum, class projects, and research activities. Please let us know if you are interested in finding out more.

The **Dominion Higher Educational Partnership** awards $1 million each year to colleges and universities throughout the company’s service area, which includes Virginia. The next deadline is May 1 – but it is not too soon to start thinking of your proposal in order to be competitive this next round. The program has identified specific target areas (Business, Craft, Engineering Environment, Energy, and Technical) for its support, and seeks to educate citizens and respond to workforce needs. Grants are in the range of $20,000 to $50,000.

The 16 recipients awarded grants last year included 5 community colleges (and George Mason University). Projects ranged from developing a new elective course, upgrading laboratory equipment, creation of a student environmental sustainability committee, developing a rain garden, and installing a rooftop solar energy system. With the great minds at NOVA, this next deadline should be our opportunity for delivering a winning proposal and take our spot alongside the other institutions of higher learning across the Commonwealth!

For more information on the program, go to http://www.dom.com/about/education/grants/higher-educational-partnership.jsp. Remember – there can be only one grant per college, so please contact the Grants Office first to discuss your ideas.

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.

Thank you!