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News and Events

GSU Receives \$7.1 million DOE Grant

Governors State University last week received a \$7.1 million federal education grant to expand and refine teaching programs designed to raise student achievement and improve instruction in nine high-need Chicago Southland school districts. With the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant, GSU's nationally renowned alternative certification program will add a residency component modeled after intense, hands-on training that's the norm in the medical profession.



GSU alternative certification students will work with mentor-teachers in south suburban classrooms. They will be paid \$30,000 during the one-year residency period, with that salary coming via the federal grant. Teacher candidates will work in high-need, low-income school districts and, after certification, will agree to teach for three years in the partner district. The grant provides funding for about 170 residency placements over the next five years.

"This collaborative program with its focus on innovative teacher preparation, the teacher residency model, and student achievement, will have an academic, social, and economic impact on our school districts and surrounding communities," said Dr. Deborah Bordelon, dean of the College of Education.

Budget Time

As the next fiscal year quickly approaches, the university has initiated its annual Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC) budget planning process.

Administrators and department/division heads are asked to begin preparing their FY2011 budget requests, which are due to the university Budget Office by Monday, May 10.

In light of preliminary indications that GSU's state appropriations may be reduced by as much as 10 percent, all budget proposals should propose specific measures to reduce their fiscal allocations.

[Download FY2011 Budget Development Memo/Packet](#)

ERP Presentation Reminder

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by two additional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. GSU is bringing the additional vendors to campus for presentations on April 7 and 8. The presentation format will remain the same as the first two vendors.

Because the selection of a new system affects every department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their

associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

Presentation Schedule

Wednesday, April 7 – Vendor 3

Hall of Honors

Thursday, April 8 – Vendor 4

Hall of Honors

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors.)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting
8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview
9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission
9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable
11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon
12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management
12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting
1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement
3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll
3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni
4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)
4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

Cast Your Vote

It's time for GSU students to stand up and be counted by sitting down at a computer and voting for Student Senate representatives. The GSU Student Senate is the university's student voice. Elections are from April 5 through 9.

To vote, registered GSU students should go to <https://eBallot.votenet.com/govst>. Students will use their last name and student ID to gain access to the voting ballots. Election results will be announced Monday, April 12.

2010 Candidates

Timothy Ackerman, CAS
Michael Coglianese, CAS
Jada Nettle, CAS
David A. Corcoran, CAS
Richard Culbreath, CAS

Lisa Wallace, COE
Chengwei Yu, CBPA
Andre Barnett, CBPA
Justin Kline, CBPA
Betty Campbell, IDSS
Brendan Hollandsworth, BOT
Dominique A. Taylor, IBHE

Volunteer Appreciation and Awareness

April is National Volunteer Month. Information about the positive effects of volunteerism, its importance to the university, and how it connects the university to the community at large will be presented as part of *Rockin' Volunteers*, on April 6, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Volunteer programs such as the GSU V-Team, Illinois Campus Compact, and the President's Volunteer Service Award will take part in Tuesday's presentation. The GSU community is encouraged to attend and learn about more about volunteerism.

Conversation with Trustees

The GSU Board of Trustees wants to know what concerns GSU students. Join them for pizza and conversation on Tuesday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts lobby.

This is great opportunity to meet the Trustees, and provide valuable input and suggestions about the university and the issues important to students. To RSVP, email saasnews@govst.edu.

Enough is Enough

Enough is Enough is a campaign to stem societal violence conducted during the first full week of April. Participating institutions across the country will host conversations and presentations designed to create awareness and stem the tide of societal violence. Members of the GSU community are encouraged to take part.

The Welcome Center will provide black and white ribbons to be worn during the week of April 5 to 11. The ribbons represent the linking of mourning and remembrance with peace, innocence, and solidarity with victims of violence.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contribute messages of non-violence to the wall of posters on April 6, at noon, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Hands Don't Hurt, a display of hands created by the children of the Family Development Center will be on display on April 6, at noon, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Clickers in the Classroom

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning will present a faculty development workshop on the use of student responses systems – aka “clickers” – on April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room D2430.

Clickers are an easy-to-use, effective way to get students involved in lectures and improve learning outcomes. Clickers can be integrated into PowerPoint presentations, turning passive lectures into interactive exchanges. Beginning in the spring/summer term, all on campus smart classrooms will have clicker software installed. GSU currently has six sets of clickers available for faculty use; they can be checked out of the library.

Mike Larson, the workshop presenter, will describe how he has been using clickers in his lecture/discussion courses for the past two years.

Calling all Book Lovers

The Friends of the GSU Library will hold its book sale on April 13, in the Hall of Governors. The book sale begins at 11 a.m. for members of the Friends and noon for students, staff, faculty, and the public. It concludes at 8 p.m. This year's sale includes a wide array of paperbacks, popular fiction, and books on art, education, nursing, and many other subjects. Artwork will also be sold in a silent auction.

CASE V Scholarship Winner

Gina Ragland-Owalabi, a staff clerk in Institutional Advancement, received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the recent CASE V conference, held in Chicago. Ragland was one of only three individuals in the CASE V service region to receive the scholarship. The CASE V Advancing Diversity program awards advancement professionals of diverse backgrounds based on their education, experience, and career goals.

Exploring the Future

Meeting of the Minds, the former Excellence in Teaching Panel, will continue its conversation on faculty life with a discussion on *Why we came to a life in the university: Exploring the Future*, on April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., in the lobby of The Center for Performing Arts. Forums are designed to help deepen a sense of community and purpose so colleagues can become better acquainted and more appreciative of one another. Future discussions will highlight topics relevant to the university community.

