

TO: Faculty of Kansas State University

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REF: Call for Nominations for the 2011 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching
May 26 – May 31, 2011, Camp Miniwanca, Michigan
Nomination deadline: February 18, 2011

Since 1990, over 2,000 faculty members from many colleges and universities have attended the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching. K-State started attending the conference in 2002 and over 60 have attended (names listed on next page). Their attendance was supported by the Provost Office, the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, and endorsed by the Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence.

The major goal of the Wakonse Conference is to provide “Inspiration and Support for College Teaching.” During the conference, college teachers share teaching strategies and methods in a rustic environment of Camp Miniwanca, Michigan (near Shelby, MI). A major focus of the conference relates to pedagogical issues, but participants also discuss many other issues of academic cultures. The conference truly promotes development of junior and senior faculty and has attained national prominence. More information about the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching can be found at its Web site (<http://www.wakonse.org/>).

Up to five K-State faculty members will be selected to be new Wakonse Fellows by attending the 2011 Wakonse Conference. The Provost’s Office will provide \$500 per person to defray registration, travel, and meal expenses; additional expenses (estimate < \$400/person) will be the responsibility of selected faculty. Nominated faculty members are encouraged to seek funds from their colleges and departments to support their attendance.

Deans, department heads, and colleagues may nominate faculty, and self-nominations may be submitted. Written support from a dean or a department head will be considered as evidence of the nominee’s recognized commitment to excellence in teaching and providing learning opportunities. Details of the nomination and selection process are included in the next page.

If you would like further information, visit the Web site noted above, contact any of the K-State Wakonse Fellows, or contact Bill Genereux (826-2927, billgx@ksu.edu) or Steve Stockham (532-4453, sstockha@ksu.edu). Bill Genereux will organize the 2011 K-State contingent’s trip to the Wakonse Conference.

(Note: There will be separate selection process for at least 5 Wakonse Fellows who wish to attend another Wakonse Conference – they will need to identify sources for all of their expenses.)

Nomination, Selection, and Schedule for 2011 K-State Wakonse Fellows

Nomination shall include:

- Nominee's personal information: Name, degrees, academic appointment (Assistant Professor, etc), academic unit (College, Department), campus address, e-mail address, phone number.
- Nomination letter in which the nominator states why the nominee is a good candidate for this faculty development opportunity in the area of teaching.
- A statement (one page or less) by the nominee that provides the reasons he/she wishes to attend the Wakonse Conference.
- List of meritorious achievements or awards received by the nominee in the past 5 years.
- A brief description of a topic or topics (< 100 words for each topic) that the nominee is willing to present or share at the conference. Wakonse Fellows may be invited to participate in Concurrent Sessions involving 5-20 attendees; these sessions include topics such as specific teaching methods, methods of assessing student performance, faculty development issues, and a balanced life in academia.
- Nomination materials are to be **submitted by February 18, 2011** to **Vicki Clegg (Director, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, 215 Fairchild Hall)** in either paper form or electronically (vclegg@k-state.edu).

Selection

- Previous K-State Wakonse Fellows will serve as a Selection Committee that selects up to five new Wakonse Fellows and a list of alternates.
- Selection criteria will include the following.
 - Nominee's potential or established abilities to:
 - Represent and promote excellence in teaching at Kansas State University.
 - Promote faculty development when he/she returns to K-State.
 - Nominee helps represent the diversity of the University's disciplines and academic ranks; i.e., junior to senior faculty members from different departments/colleges.

2011 Schedule

- Feb. 18: Nomination deadline (submitted to Vicki Clegg; see address above)
- Mar. 4: Nominees notified of selections
- Early March: Gathering of 2011 Wakonse Fellows to plan trip and participation
- May 26 – May 31: Wakonse Conference on College Teaching; depart May 25 (noon) and return late May 31

K-State Wakonse Fellows (note: five Fellows who no longer are K-Staters are not listed)

- 2002: Ken Barnard, Jane Fishback, Larry Glasgow, Pat Payne
- 2003: Doug Benson, Jana Fallin, Deborah Meyer Brosdahl, Jimmy Splichal
- 2004: Jan Coles, Judith Collins, Michele Janette, Jung Oh, Marcia Stockham
- 2005: Pat Ackerman, Gayle Doll, Dean Hall, Kaleen Knopp, Katrina Lewis, Tina Remig, Eric Shappee, Alysia Starkey, Bobb Stokes
- 2006: Kate Brockway, Bill Genereux, Keith Hohn, Peggy Honey, Julia Keen, Cathie Lavis, Melody LeHew, Sundeep Rayat
- 2007: Barbara Anderson, Mary Lee Cochran, Royce Ann Collins, Leslie Hannah, Troy Harding, Richard McFarland, Julie Pentz, Joyce Yagerline, Xiaoying Yang
- 2008: Robbie Bear, Tara Coleman, Beth Davis, Sherry Haar, Florence Neymotin, Dave Nichols, John Schlup, Lisa Tatonetti, Kathy Voecks, Richard Zajac
- 2009: Sajid Alavi, Christopher Bopp, Jianhan Chen, Laci Cornelison, Lotta Larson, Brian Lindshield
- 2010: John Unruh, Ginger Loggins, Teresa Hartman, Jacqueline Wood, Dana Townsend, Raylene Alexander
- Transfers: Jennifer Molidor (from Notre Dame)