

TO: Faculty of Kansas State University

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REF: Call for Nominations for the 2005 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching,
May 26–31, 2005

Since 1990, more than 1,000 faculty members from many colleges and universities have attended the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching. K-State started attending the conference in 2002; so far fifteen faculty members have attended (listed below). 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. 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 website (<http://www.wakonse.org/>).

Eight K-State faculty members will form the 2005 K-State contingent to the Wakonse Conference. The Provost’s Office will provide funds to defray registration, travel, and meal expenses; additional expenses will be the responsibility of selected faculty and are estimated to be \$350 to \$400 per person. Nominated faculty 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 below.

If you would like further information, visit the website noted above or contact Steve Stockham (532-4453, stockham@vet.k-state.edu) who is a member of the Wakonse Conference staff and will organize the 2005 K-State contingent to the Wakonse Conference.

K-State Wakonse Fellows

- 2002: Ken Barnard (Aviation), Jane Fishback (Adult Education), Larry Glasgow (Chemical Engineering), Pat Payne (Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology)
- 2003: Jana Fallin (Music), Pedro Leite (Engineering Technology), Deborah J.C. Meyer (Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design), Jimmy Splichal (Aviation)
- 2004: Jan Coles (Biology), Judith Collins (Arts, Science, & Business), Michele Janette (English), Jung Oh (Arts, Science, & Business), Carmel Parker White (Human Ecology), Marcia Stockham (KSU Libraries), Kristina Wiebe (Modern Languages)

Nomination, Selection, and Schedule for 2005 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. Presentations by Wakonse Fellows include Teaching Workshops (presentations to < 40 attendees) or presenting or leading Concurrent Sessions involving 5-20 attendees. Topics range from specific teaching methods, to methods of assessing student performance, to faculty development issues, to attempts to have a balanced life in academia.
- Nomination materials are to be **submitted by February 1** 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 eight 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.

2005 Schedule

- Feb. 1: Nomination deadline (submitted to Vicki Clegg; see address above)
- Feb. 15: Nominees notified of selections
- Early March: Gathering of 2005 Wakonse Fellows to plan trip and participation.
- May 26-31: Wakonse Conference on College Teaching; depart May 25 (afternoon) and return late May 31.
- June: Post conference gathering of 2002 to 2005 Wakonse Fellows.
- 2005-2006 Academic Year: participate in Wakonse gatherings and activities that focus on educational issues and promoting teaching excellence.