

TO: Faculty of Kansas State University
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REF: Call for Nominations for the 2008 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching
May 22–27, 2008, Camp Miniwanca, Michigan

NOMINATIONS DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Since 1990, nearly 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; forty-three faculty members have attended (see list 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 ten K-State faculty members will form the 2008 K-State contingent to the Wakonse Conference. The Provost’s Office will provide funds to defray registration, travel, and meal expenses; additional expenses (estimate < \$350/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 Steve Stockham (532-4453, stockham@vet.k-state.edu) who is a member of the Wakonse Conference staff and will organize the 2008 K-State contingent’s trip to the Wakonse Conference.

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

- 2002: Ken Barnard, Jane Fishback, Larry Glasgow, Pat Payne
- 2003: Jana Fallin, Pedro Leite, Deborah Meyer, Jimmy Splichal
- 2004: Jan Coles, Judith Collins, Michele Janette, Jung Oh, Marcia Stockham
- 2005: Pat Ackerman, Gayle Doll, Doug Benson, 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

Nomination, Selection, and Schedule for 2008 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 1, 2008** 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 ten 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.

2008 Schedule

- Feb 1: Nomination deadline (submitted to Vicki Clegg; see address above)
- Feb. 15: Nominees notified of selections
- Early March: Gathering of 2008 Wakonse Fellows to plan trip and participation
- May 22-27: Wakonse Conference on College Teaching; depart May 21 (noon) and return late May 27
- June: Post-conference gathering of 2002 to 2008 Wakonse Fellows.