



April 27, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

I'm very pleased to announce the continuation of a program of support for curricular innovation during the 2012-2013 academic year. Departments and programs are invited to apply for funding in amounts up to \$25,000 to support planning and piloting of curricular revision. Funding for this innovation work comes from the seed money offered for the Six Big Ideas; up to \$200,000 will be available in this round of proposals. Up to \$20,000 of this funding will be earmarked specifically for assessment projects. The deadline for proposals will be **Wednesday, May 30, 2012**.

Applications for curricular innovation funds should explain how the project connects to college and department goals and plans; an application form is attached and is also available on the Provost's webpage. Funds will be awarded by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Priority will be given to applications that:

- 1) show the greatest promise for significant curricular improvement;
- 2) propose innovative use of the 4-credit course model or realignment of teaching resources;
- 3) include a plan to evaluate the effectiveness of proposed changes;
- 4) focus on one or more of the following:
  - incorporation of high-impact educational practices  
[List of High Impact Practices](#)
  - application of principles of the Bringing Theory to Practice project  
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[AACU Bringing Theory to Practice Project](#)
  - incorporation of global and intercultural learning
  - incorporation of interdisciplinary or integrative learning
  - incorporation of sustainability issues
  - support for greater depth of student learning
  - expansion of instructional delivery
  - teambuilding with other staff and faculty on campus or at a distance

The areas of innovation listed above respond to the interests of faculty as identified in our ongoing discussions, various surveys, and in the Middle States Self-Study.

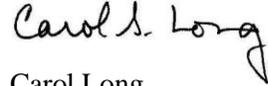
Suggestions for ways funds may be used include:

- summer stipends for curricular revision
- readings and materials
- guest speakers or consultants
- course release for curricular revision
- retreats or meetings

Departments who have had curriculum innovation grants for the 2011-2012 academic year are: Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Geological Sciences, History, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. Feel free to contact these department chairs if you have questions. Some of these projects are still in process, and some may wish to apply to extend their work. The General Education Committee may wish to apply for some of these funds in connection with their work on revising the General Education Program.

I am happy to meet at any time with departments, Chairs and/or individuals to discuss applications to this innovation program and ideas about the curriculum. I look forward to your proposals.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Long". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Carol Long".

Carol Long