

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

The University of Oklahoma

Norman Campus

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, and Chairs

FROM: Nancy L. Mergler, Senior Vice President and Provost

DATE: October 26, 2007

SUBJECT: President's Dream Courses for **Fall 2008** or **Spring 2009**

In 2004-2005, President Boren launched a new project to provide extra funds to enhance 10 courses already scheduled to be offered during the academic year in either the fall or the spring semester. Courses eligible for consideration must be semester-long, regularly scheduled courses. I am pleased to announce that this program will be continued in academic year 2008-2009.

This fund provides up to a maximum of \$ 20,000 in one-time funds per selected course to bring in several (about 3-5) experts in the field during the semester to interact with the students enrolled in the course and to give a lecture open to the public. In some cases, the visiting expert might also speak at a Presidential roundtable discussion that would include other undergraduate students and faculty.

I am particularly interested in courses that cover important topics for concerned and engaged citizens in the 21st century; as examples, I have included a list of courses that were designated as dream courses during the past several years.

The exact format for use of these experts is somewhat flexible; however, no one visiting expert should require more than about \$ 8,000 of the total budget.

Proposals for designated courses should be submitted by instructional faculty through academic chairs/directors to college deans. College deans should set their own deadlines for submission of these proposals so that Deans can review and forward them with their recommendations to the Provost's Office in a timely fashion.

Nov. ??, 2007 Deans of college set appropriate deadlines within their colleges

Nov. 30, 2007 Deadline receipt of proposals in Provost's Office with appropriate signatures and deans review

Feb. 1, 2008 Deadline for Provost's Office to notify selected instructors that their course has been designated as a dream course for Fall 2008 or Spring 2009.

Cc: President David L. Boren
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