National Science Foundation Update

Fort Valley State University currently holds approximately $11 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Current NSF Principal Investigators (PI’s):

- Dr. Dwayne Daniels, Strengthening the STEM Pipeline in the Peach State
- Dr. Sarwan Dhir, NSF-STEM and NSF – REU
- Mrs. Seema Dhir, Targeted Infusion
- Dr. George Mbata, NSF – Entomology Program at FVSU
- Dr. Cheryl Swanier, NSF, BPC Collaborative Research

In January 2012, the National Science Foundation Compliance program at Fort Valley State University met NSF compliance regulations. Congratulations PI’s and committee members!

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FVSU Compliance: Best Choice Only Choice

Greetings FVSU Family!

Spring/Summer 2012

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Fort Valley State University’s goal is to ensure that all university members are able to prosper within an environment free of discrimination, harassment or improper conduct of any kind. The U.S. Justice System, FVSU and University System of Georgia policies prohibit such behavior. Routinely, the university performs internal inquiries by officers trained in compliance-related matters.

Officers include the special assistant to the president for compliance, the internal auditor, the director of Human Resources, the athletics compliance officer, or additional FVSU employee deemed appropriate by the president or the executive vice president and chief legal officer. All of us are obligated to cooperate fully with such inquiries.

The USG policy on cooperation in internal investigations states the following:

An employee of the University System of Georgia shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible in any internal investigation conducted by his or her employment unit when directed to do so by persons who have been given the investigative authority by the President of the institution. Failure to cooperate fully shall be grounds for adverse personnel action, including possible termination of employment.

No inquiry is undertaken to harass any individual. The goal simply is to discover the truth and protect individuals and the institution, as they are entitled to be protected. Please help us accomplish that goal. Failure to cooperate can subject an employee to disciplinary action up to and including termination. However, it certainly is not my wish to have to resort to such disciplinary action.

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Examples of arrangements that may be extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Special arrangements for late assignments or make-up exams if these arrangements are not available to the class as a whole;
- Allowing student-athletes to miss classes if these arrangements are not available to the class as a whole;
- The use of a copying machine or typing services that are not available to the general student body;
- Preferential grading for student-athletes;
- Special arrangements for extra credit work that are not available to the class as a whole; or
- Providing transportation or the use of an automobile to an enrolled student-athlete.

NCAA Rules Pertaining to Faculty Involvement with Student-Athletes and Prospective Student-Athletes

The NCAA has strict guidelines pertaining to faculty interaction with currently enrolled student-athletes as well as prospective student-athletes being recruited to FVSU. It is very important that university faculty be informed of the basics of these rules to ensure that no violations occur that might affect the reputation of the university and jeopardize any student's educational and athletic endeavors.

As a basic principle, enrolled student-athletes are not permitted to receive any extra benefits from faculty or other university employees (see box to left). The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee provided to an enrolled student-athlete (or a student-athlete's relatives or friends) that is not available to the general student body of that institution.

As a general rule, a professor or other instructor should not make any arrangements with a student-athlete that he or she would not make for other students in that particular class. In the case of prospective student-athletes, (meaning those who are being recruited for Wildcat athletics) faculty members are not permitted to recruit off-campus on behalf of the university. Faculty members are permitted to have on-campus contact with recruits, and may write or telephone a prospect about academic progress or other issues.

Any faculty member who is approached by a coach should notify the Department of Athletics.

For additional information on NCAA rules and FVSU Athletics, contact LuWanna Williams, Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator/Athletic Compliance Officer, williamsl@fvsu.edu, or (478) 625-6179.

Electronic equipment constitutes a separate classification of disposal for two overriding issues: data security and environmental protection. The most common electronics equipment that must be handled differently includes, but is not limited to: Georgia Surplus Property Manual Section 3: Disposing of State Property Department of Administrative Services...

- Computers (CPU) (includes desktop, laptop, server)
- External data storage/back-up devices
- PDAs
- Copiers with or without data storage capability
- Monitors and Television Sets (all types, CRT, LCD, etc.)
- Peripherals (includes keyboards, mouse, speakers)
- Printers (includes all types, laser, inkjet, bubble jet, dot matrix, plotters, etc.)
- Scanners
- Hubs and Routers
- Digital Projectors
- Pagers
- Fax Machines
- Typewriters
- Telephone Systems and Handsets, Cellular Phones
- Calculators
- Answering Machines
- DVD and VCR Players/Recorders
- Radios, CD Players and Stereo Equipment

Note: "Electron" does not necessarily mean "Electronic." For example, fans, heaters, refrigerators and microwaves are not electronic.

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