

APSU Title III, Part A Grant

- ▶ U.S. Department of Education Title III Grant: Strengthening Institutions
- ▶ Awarded October 1, 2008
- ▶ Five year grant
- ▶ Total award 2 million dollars

Purposes of Title III, Part A Grants

- ▶ Provides funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions in order to expand their capacity to *serve low-income students*.
- ▶ Funds may be used for planning, faculty development, administrative management, or development and improvement of academic programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Education website www.ed.gov

APSU Title III: Strengthening Institutions

- ▶ **Will develop a comprehensive approach to student success that:**
 - Provides new strategies to meet the needs of at-risk students
 - Supports comprehensive training for faculty and staff
- ▶ **Will allow improvement in:**
 - Academic support
 - Redesign of lower division courses with low success rates
 - Professional development for faculty in new pedagogies, diversity, advising, and accessing/using data to support student success

APSU Title III Grant Personnel

(Director and Student Success Specialist were named when the grant was submitted)

- ▶ **Grant Director:** Dr. Harriett McQueen
- ▶ **Student Success Specialist and Activity Coordinator:** Kay Haralson
- ▶ **Faculty Development Specialist:** To begin June 1, 2009, 12 month position, will be advertised
- ▶ **Advising Coordinators :** 3 half-time positions, first position beginning June 1, 2009
- ▶ **Secretary:** In process of hiring

Focal Points of APSU Title III Grant

- ▶ Strengthen Student Retention
 - Redesign of high-enrollment/low-success courses to increase student success.
 - Develop the PASS (Promoting Academic Success for Students) program and a related academic success course to meet the needs of conditionally admitted students who achieve GPA's in the 1.5–2.0 range, freshmen on academic probation, and students returning from suspension.
 - Develop a college-based intrusive academic advising system, including regular advisor/advisee meetings, use of Banner and other data sources, academic planning, career connections, etc.

Focal Points of APSU Title III Grant

- ▶ Revitalize Faculty/Staff Development
 - Develop a Teaching/Learning Center equipped with instructional technology to provide hub for faculty professional development and faculty support
 - Provide training for faculty in various instructional methods plus sensitivity to diverse cultures to address underprepared students' varying goals and learning styles. Includes on-campus training by exemplary faculty, Faculty Development Specialist, and consultants; travel to off-campus workshops/seminars; and Summer Academy
 - Provide training for advisors in stronger advising techniques and in accessing and using information available through Banner and other resources.

APSU Title III Faculty Opportunities

- ▶ Faculty stipends of \$4,400 each will be awarded to faculty members interested in:
 - Participating in professional development activities and/or a Summer Academy, and
 - Redesigning and piloting a course employing new, teaching methodologies, and
 - Evaluating the success of the course redesign, and
 - Sharing the outcome of this redesign with other faculty

APSU Title III Faculty Opportunities

- ▶ Proposals for course redesign will be submitted through department chairs and college deans to the Provost's office for selection. Proposal forms will be available by December 15.
- ▶ Stipends are available for faculty interested in redesigning in Spring 2008 and piloting courses in Fall 2009.
- ▶ Stipends will be paid upon completion of all aspects of the faculty proposal.

APSU Title III Faculty Opportunities

▶ Faculty Development Funds

- Funds are available for faculty to attend conferences, workshops, or institutes for professional development that would support the objectives of the Title III Grant:
 - Strengthen success/retention of at-risk students
 - Revitalize faculty development
 - Strengthen academic advising
- Forms will be available to apply for Title III travel funds by December 15.

APSU Title III Faculty Opportunities

- ▶ The Faculty Development Specialist position will be advertised in the spring semester to begin on June 1, 2009.
 - 12-month position funded from the grant
 - This person will have primary responsibility for developing a system to guide faculty professional development, including on-site workshops, summer training institutes, and attendance at regional or national conferences and workshops in support of grant objectives.
 - Internal candidates are strongly encouraged to apply