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To: Santa Monica College District

From: Pete Morris and Georgia Lorenz, Co-Chairs
Global Citizenship Council

Re: Call for Funding Proposals

We are pleased to make this call for proposals from the SMC community to support the ongoing development of the Global Citizenship initiative. Funding is once again available to support a variety of selected projects (speakers, field trips, professional development, student-centered events, and more). In previous years, the typical Global Citizenship award has ranged from several hundred dollars to a few thousand.

While we are especially eager to receive proposals that address the current academic-year theme of Food, any project that examines the idea or practice of global citizenship would be welcome. This, of course, begs the question, “What *is* ‘global citizenship’?” For some guidance, you may wish to consider SMC’s official definition of global citizenship, as well as similar ideas that have been woven into the college’s Institutional Learning Outcomes and Mission, Vision, and Goals (see attachment). But you should not feel constrained by that language, either; please view this as an opportunity to further develop SMC’s understanding of what it means to be a global citizen in the twenty-first century.

Like last year, this funding cycle the Global Citizenship Council will favor proposals that are student centered—such as developing a research project, event, or publication in which students are featured contributors. Our aim is to impact a large and diverse population of our students rather than a few who are part of a select program. Building capacity means creating scalable programs, developing expertise among faculty in the classroom and those leading our programs, and building the campus “know how” to accomplish our goals.

Please e-mail your proposal to Georgia Lorenz and Pete Morris by Friday, **October 15, 2010**. Your proposal should include a project/activity timeline, an initial budget, and a brief narrative (no more than three pages) that addresses:

- how your planned activity will feature students;
- how your planned activity supports at least one of the institutional SLOs;
- how this activity will add value to the Global Citizenship initiative;
- the anticipated outcomes of the activity and how those can be assessed;
- how you plan to disseminate what is learned to the greater SMC community (brown bag lunch series, workshop, publication, etc.), especially if you are proposing a professional development activity.

All proposals will be considered by an ad hoc Global Citizenship panel, who will forward its recommendations to Dr. Tsang for final decision.



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SMC Definition of Global Citizenship

To be a global citizen, one is knowledgeable of peoples, customs and cultures in regions of the world beyond one's own; understands the interdependence that holds both promise and peril for the future of the global community; and is committed to combining one's learning with a dedication to foster a livable, sustainable world.

SMC Mission, Vision, and Goals

Mission

Santa Monica College strives to create a learning environment that both challenges students and supports them in achieving their educational goals. Students learn to contribute to the global community as they develop an understanding of their personal relationship to the world's social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and natural environments.

To fulfill this mission, Santa Monica College provides open and affordable access to high quality associate degree and certificate of achievement programs. These programs prepare students for successful careers, develop college-level skills, enable transfer to universities, and foster a personal commitment to lifelong learning.

Santa Monica College serves the world's diverse communities by offering educational opportunities which embrace the exchange of ideas in an open, caring community of learners and which recognize the critical importance of each individual's contribution to the achievement of the college's vision.

Vision and Core Values

Santa Monica College will be a leader and innovator in student learning and achievement. Santa Monica College will prepare and empower students to excel

in their academic and professional pursuits for lifelong success in an evolving global environment.

As a community committed to open inquiry that encourages dialog and the free exchange of ideas, Santa Monica College will serve as a model for students in the practice of its core values: intellectual inquiry, research-based planning and evaluation, democratic processes, communication and collegiality, global awareness, and sustainability.

Goals

To achieve this vision, Santa Monica College has identified the following Institutional Learning Outcomes.

SMC Institutional Learning Outcomes

Santa Monica College students will:

- acquire the self-confidence and self-discipline to pursue their intellectual curiosities with integrity in both their personal and professional lives;
- obtain the knowledge and academic skills necessary to access, evaluate, and interpret ideas and information critically in order to communicate effectively, reach conclusions, and solve problems;
- respect the inter-relatedness of the global human environment, engage with diverse peoples, and acknowledge the significance of their daily actions relative to broader issues and events;
- take responsibility for their own impact on the earth by living a sustainable and ethical life style.