

## **Call for Initiatives and Ideas for STRIVE Vision for Academic Excellence Through Inclusion**

The First in 2009 Coordinating Council and University Multicultural Council seek initiative and other ideas that will advance deeper and sustained inclusion at Miami University. In particular, we seek a wide range of creative proposals which will help to:

- 1) Attract students, faculty and staff from a wide range of racial, ethnic, religious, geographical, socioeconomic backgrounds and sexual orientations.
- 2) Foster a University climate that
  - values individuals with diverse beliefs and backgrounds
  - fosters public debate and democratic discourse
  - cultivates intercultural understanding and critical reflection.

Possible ideas include:

- 1) *Teaching and Learning*—new course, new curricular initiative or design, development of a new pedagogical approach, an innovative infusion of the curriculum and co-curriculum
- 2) *Scholarship*—a study or project relating to globalization and multiculturalism or to teaching a diversity of learners more effectively
- 3) *Professional Development*—conferences, workshops, retreats
- 4) *Policy*—analysis and redesign of existing policy, creation of new policy or procedure
- 5) *Assessment*—institutional research, study of best practices, benchmarking, development of a method of assessing learning for all students

We would like to hear what ideas you plan to implement. These ideas can come from individuals, groups, departments, programs or individuals from several units. Proposed activities, programs or projects should:

- clearly advance academic excellence through inclusion;
- have a long-term impact;
- generate public discourse or serve the common good;
- be self-sustaining beyond the length of the grant;
- include a clear plan for assessment

Let us know your proposed ideas for change. Proposals can be brief (1-3 pages). They should include a brief summary of the proposed initiative, a rationale for how it will advance sustained academic excellence through inclusion at Miami, and a list of anticipated outcomes. Also, indicate on the proposal how the University or the First in 2009 Coordinating Council might be able to support or assist the initiative

Proposals should be sent by December 1, 2003 and addressed to Dr. Carolyn Haynes, Chair, First in 2009 Coordinating Council; Honors Program; Miami University.

