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HOMER system, which documents program-level institutional effectiveness activities; surveying students, alumni, and employers; and reviewing the effectiveness and planning documentation for existing, new and revised programs. The IRPE office publishes the results of online surveys and provides the TROY Fact Site of demographic information online. In addition, the IRPE office assists the University liaison with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

International Center for Collaboration and Creativity (iC3)

The International Center for Collaboration and Creativity (iC3) fosters and facilitates intercultural, international and interdisciplinary ventures. The central catalyst for and the expected results from this center will intrinsically be collaboration and creativity. Cultures and disciplines are converging. As a result of this convergence, there is a new emergence of discoveries and hybrid disciplines. The creation of the iC3 not only develops hybrid academic ventures but provides impetus for attracting new interdisciplinary programs and instructional models in higher education. The iC3 is housed within the College of Communication and Fine Arts.

Endowed Chairs and Professorships

Sponsored Programs

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is responsible for facilitating the activities of faculty, professional staff and students in seeking external support for research and creative projects. OSP is responsible for assuring that agency guidelines and University policies are followed. Sponsored Programs assists in identifying sources of external funding and assists faculty, professional staff and students in all aspects of ~~se~~ grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other types of awards. OSP maintains funding source databases and can ~~provide~~ sponsor guidelines and application forms. OSP can ~~provide~~ advice on funding possibilities, conceptualization of projects, budget preparation, completing applications, proposal editing and review, as well as other aspects of the proposal development. In ~~addition~~, OSP, in consultation with the principal investigator, can assist in negotiating the terms of funded awards.

In summary, Sponsored Programs serves as a facilitator to aid the principal investigator from project inception to closing of a funded grant or contract. OSP ~~is~~ to serve as a communication link between the University community and outside sponsors - federal, state, and private ~~sectors~~ foundations and corporations. The goals of OSP are to help faculty, professional staff and students secure funding, minimize the burden of regulations, and ensure programmatic and fiscal ~~accountability~~ for all sponsored programs.

Additional information about Sponsored Programs can be obtained by contacting the OSP by phone at (334) 670-3102, email osp@troy.edu or visiting the Office of Sponsored Programs website at <http://www.troy.edu/osp>.

TROY Online

TROY Online is responsible for the delivery of educational programs outside the state of ~~Alabama~~, and internationally. Our courses and delivery method is ~~designed~~ to meet the needs of civilian working adults, military and government agency civilians, and other adults seeking degrees. Courses and degrees are delivered at a time and in formats to fit the needs of adult learners who have full-time employment, work shifts, and are prone to short notice moves. Adult learners ~~generally~~ have education needs different from those catered to by traditional colleges and universities. On military bases, guidance is worked cooperatively with the base education service ~~personnel~~. In addition, the military usually provides classroom and office ~~space~~, utilities, and local program support.

Academic programs and courses offered through TROY Online are the responsibility of the deans of the academic colleges. Troy University faculty and administrative oversight functions include, but are not limited to, academic oversight and control, new site approval, monitoring institutional effectiveness, faculty selection, certification, evaluation ~~and~~ graduate faculty status determination. The administration of TROY Online is the responsibility of the three Associate Vice Chancellors of TROY Online.

All student services functions ~~are~~ provided and monitored from the Troy Campus. Student ~~review~~ reviews include, yet are not limited to, admission activities, maintaining the official academic records, providing transcripts ~~and~~ issuing degrees for all students enrolled in the component units of TROY Online Troy University Support Center sites.

All of the degree programs offered at Troy University Support Center sites or campuses ~~are~~ approved programs in the Under-