

Bush Faculty Development Grant

Area 4a.

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FINAL REPORT

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Area 4 of Augustana College's Faculty Development Grant emphasizes the importance of infusing "diversity" and "globalism" into the curriculum including "regional and international perspectives." More narrowly, Area 4a of the grant is intended to fund classroom-based efforts at internationalization and global immersion. The author of this proposal was awarded \$2,000 to aid his creation of a new January 2005 UMAIE (Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education) course now titled *Australia in the Global Political Economy*. That course and its syllabus have been created. The preliminary syllabus is attached as a part of this report. John Clementson, the assessment director for this grant, has approved the educational objectives and methods of evaluation used for this course. A revised evaluation plan is also attached to as part of this report. Dr. Clementson will send his written approval to the committee separately.

Augustana College's curriculum council has approved this course. The UMAIE board will vote the weekend of December 7, 2003 as to whether this course will be allowed to go forward in January of 2005. If 1) the UMAIE vote is positive, and if 2) the course can be appropriately budgeted, and if 3) it attracts an adequate number of students, then it will be offered in 2005. The author is optimistic enough that he attended this coming year's UMAIE orientation in the cities last weekend in preparation for offering this course in 2005.

All expenses related to this grant award have been expended and reimbursed. A little more than half of the funds were used to cover housing expenses in Australia. In addition, the funds were used to cover petrol, rental car expenses, hotel accommodation, and to purchase Australian books and maps. The last of the grant funds were used to purchase a remote computer mouse to facilitate the making of presentations in the Celebration of Culture series, and the required faculty development luncheon presentation. All related receipts are on file in the office of the Academic Dean or in the College's business office.

In closing, the grantee extends his thanks to the faculty development committee for its encouragement and guidance, to John Clementson for his construction counsel regarding evaluation, as well as to Patty Eiesland and Dianne Hammrich for their assistance in managing the various expenditures for this project.

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