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Response Due: November 18, 2011
RE: Call for Nominations

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TO: Provosts and Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs

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RE: 2012-13 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program

We are pleased to request your nominations for the 2012-13 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program (WTFS). This program was awarded the prestigious 2005 TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Certificate of Excellence for the development of innovative and diverse communities of teacher-scholars across the UW System.

We invite you to nominate two candidates from your institution, as either Fellow(s) and/or Scholar(s) to participate in 2012-13. All candidates must be exceptional teachers who share their expertise and demonstrate leadership. Strong candidates for Wisconsin Teaching Fellows will be outstanding early-career, untenured faculty or academic instructional staff. Wisconsin Teaching Scholars will be outstanding tenured faculty or experienced academic instructional staff.

Each participant undertakes a significant Scholarship of Teaching and Learning project with results presented at the end-of-year meeting and in additional professional forums. Participants are encouraged to disseminate results beyond the UW System. Teaching Fellows and Scholars are expected to serve as leaders and mentors in campus and UW System SoTL work. Your careful selection of candidates helps sustain the excellence of this program.

The cross-disciplinary, inter-campus, and multi-generational research and leadership collaborations that grow out of the Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program are of great value to each UW System institution. The program identifies and rewards a cadre of teachers who publicly model outstanding teaching, who serve as consultants to colleagues, and who become leaders at their institutions and throughout the UW System. By investing in the

creation of long-term, productive relationships and collaborations, this innovative program helps us retain the best and the brightest.

OPID's commitment to the WTFS program includes underwriting the program directors' salaries; OPID staff and administrative support; and most of the operating costs of the four program events, including all on-site expenses of the four-day Faculty College commonly held at UW-Richland, Richland Center, Wisconsin. In addition, OPID provides each Fellow and Scholar with a \$500 grant for supplies and expenses. We hope that you will support your finest teacher-scholars by providing for your two nominees, if selected, a \$4,000 stipend to be paid within a month of the Summer Institute in June. We also ask that your institution cover travel expenses for Fellows and Scholars to attend the five OPID-sponsored events that are a required part of this program, and the cost of meals and lodging (approximately \$384) during the one-week Summer Institute.

To guide your selection process and to help you publicize the program on your campus, we have enclosed the following:

- Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program description with selection criteria;
- Application form to be completed by the Fellow and Scholar applicants at each institution (for review by the campus selection committee); and a
- Budget sheet for each nominee, *to be signed by the Provost as well as the nominee before submission to OPID.*

Please send **electronic copies** of the application and signed budget sheet for each nominee to OPID, at opid@uwsa.edu by the **November 18, 2011 due date**. We suggest that each institution also name an alternate in case a nominee is unable to participate in the WTFS Program. Please inform OPID if your campus wishes to nominate and support more than two participants in the 2012-13 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program.

Thanks for your help in sustaining this excellent program!

Attachments: WTFS Program Description, Application, Budget Sheet

cc: Kevin P. Reilly, President
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