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Faculty Affiliate Position Description (2009-2010)

Living and Learning Program Goals

The Living Learning programs (Explorations, Residential College, The Green House, and International House) will provide undergraduates an opportunity to share the excitement of learning in an environment that combines the attractiveness of a small community with the resources of a large research university. The design of the program reflects our belief that learning is strongly influenced by the climate in which it takes place. These programs combine formal teaching, informal learning, creative activities, and personal support to create an enhanced undergraduate experience.

The goals of the program are to:

- Connect formal classroom learning and learning that takes place outside the classroom.
- Consider a specific, interdisciplinary theme in the context of New York City.
- Promote the personal growth and development of students through greater contact with faculty members, one another, and other community resources.
- Provide faculty with an understanding of student life and opportunities to meet with students outside the classroom within an informal educational context.
- Share the responsibility for a student's intellectual, social, cultural, and ethical development between faculty and student affairs professionals.

Faculty Affiliate Responsibilities and Support

Each Explorations floor (Explorations) & Intellectual Stream (Residential College) will have a faculty affiliate whose responsibilities are to:

- Initiate and attend a residence floor program at minimum once per month that is consistent with the theme of the floor with which the faculty member is affiliated.
- Such programs should be planned with the resident assistant and might include excursions within NYC, informal gatherings, discussion groups, and shared meals around a particular topic. The Department of Residential Education provides monetary support for these programs.
- Demonstrate an interest in students and student life and commit to the position for two semesters.
- Maintain regular contact (either in person or through other means) with the members of the community between events. A list-serv is made available to help faculty reach all students easily via e-mail.
- Establish relationships with floor residents by being a resource for students and residence hall staff.
- Encourage other faculty colleagues to participate in the activities of the residence hall.
- Communicate with Residential Education staff members (RA, Community Development Educator, and Associate Director) at least one per month. These staff members are

responsible for providing administrative support, including advertising and logistical planning for all events and activities.

- Complete evaluation of events in order to gather data regarding the successful types of activities and advancement toward student outcomes.
- Participate in workshop trainings with Department of Residential Education staff.

While the activities facilitated for the community are at the discretion of the faculty and Explorations community, time spent in planning with members of the staff and coordinated events at the beginning of the semester lend strongly to the success of the community.

Consequently, the following dates and events should be incorporated when considering the schedule for the community.

- The Department of Residential Education will offer a training workshop prior to the Fall Semester of 2009 to allow the Faculty Affiliate, Community Development Educator and Resident Assistant the opportunity to create an early framework for planning.
- Faculty members are expected to plan an opening program during Welcome Week in order to meet the community.
- Each faculty affiliate will meet with the Associate Director and/or Community Development Educator of the residence hall at the end of the Fall and Spring Semester to review feedback.

Each Faculty Affiliate will be supported by:

- An honorarium of \$2,500 for a two-semester commitment.
 - Meal passes for use when dining with students from the floor.
 - Residential Education administrative support to manage the logistical and purchasing details of activities and events.
 - A sizeable budget (\$2500) for program planning and implementation.
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