

DIGITAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Dr. Laura Niesen de Abruna
PI, ACAO Digital Fellows Program
Phone: 401.835.2105
Email: deabruna.laura9@gmail.com
acao.org/digitalfellows
@ACAODigitalFellows

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 • North Palm Beach, FL. The Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO) today announced the names of the 32 provosts and chief academic officers (CAOs) selected to participate in the ACAO Digital Fellows Program. Supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the ACAO Digital Fellows Program is designed to provide provosts and chief academic officers (CAOs) with critical information, effective resources, and tested strategies to help CAOs and their faculty understand and adopt high quality digital courseware.

The goal of this project is to explore ways to use digital technology to increase the retention and persistence to graduation among undergraduates, especially those who are first generation, low income, or students of color.

Additionally, the ACAO Fellowship Program will curate a rich, public archive of resources on digital learning and related issues to serve the community of CAOs who want to leverage digital curricular materials to foster student engagement and enhance student learning at their institutions.

“We were delighted with the response from the CAO community to the fellowship opportunity,” said Laura Niesen de Abruna, principal investigator for the ACAO Digital Fellows Program and provost at York College of Pennsylvania. “The 32 men and women selected as ACAO Digital Fellows represent a wide variety of campuses and bring a rich portfolio of personal, professional, and professorial experience and expertise to this initiative.”

The year-long fellowship opportunity includes four meetings (or convenings) of the Fellowship recipients for workshops on digital learning. The Gates Foundation grant also includes support for individual campus projects focused on digital learning.

Attached please find a list of the fellowship recipients.

ABOUT ACAO

Chartered in 2013, the vision of the ACAO is to provide professional development and networking opportunities to all individuals who are responsible for the leadership of academic affairs in institutions of higher education. The ACAO provides a network of support for CAOs through its e-lists, professional resources, and annual conference held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE).



2017 ACAO Digital Fellows Program

Fellowship Recipients

Heidi Anderson

Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Texas A & M University-Kingsville
Kingsville, TX

Margaret Annunziata

Vice President, Academic Affairs
Davidson County Community College
Lexington, NC

Kelvin Bentley

Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tarrant County Comm. College -Connect
Campus
Fort Worth, TX

James Canniff

Provost / Vice Pres. for Academic
and Student Affairs
Bunker Hill Community College
Boston, MA

Karen Carey

Provost
University of Alaska, Southeast
Juneau, AK

Diane Chase

Provost & Executive Vice President
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Las Vegas, NV

Charles Cook

Provost & Executive Vice President
Austin Community College
Austin, TX

Joe Delap

Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs
Athens State University
Athens, AL

Carol Erting

Provost
Gallaudet University
Washington, DC

Junius Gonzales

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Univ. of North Carolina System
Chapel Hill, NC

Jeffrey Hecker

Provost & Exec. Vice-President for
Academic Affairs
University of Maine
Orono, ME

Beth Ingram

Provost
North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND

Connie Johnson

Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Colorado Technical University
Colorado Springs, CO

Kathy Johnson

Exec. Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ.-Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

Bradley Lane

Vice President, Instruction
Seattle Central College
Seattle, WA

Vern Linquist

Dean of the Faculty & Chief
Academic Officer
Richard Bland College of
William & Mary
Petersburg, VA

Joan Lorden

Provost & Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs
University of N. Carolina, Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

Barbara Lyman

Interim President (and CAO)
Shippensburg University
Shippensburg, PA

Pedro Matrinez

Provost & Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Central State University
Wilberforce, OH

Peter Nwosu

Provost & Vice President,
Academic Affairs
Clark Atlanta University
Atlanta, GA

Gregory Ochoa

Dean, Academic Affairs & CAO
Potomac State College of West
Virginia University
Keyser, WV

Patricia Rogers

Provost & Senior VP, Academic Affairs
Winona State University
Winona, MN

Ralph Rogers

Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Nova Southeastern University
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Jean Shankweiler

Vice President, Academic Affairs
El Camino College
Torrance, CA

Andrew Shean

Chief Academic Learning Officer
Bridgepoint Education
San Diego, CA

Gail M. Simmons

Provost and Sr. Vice President,
Academic Affairs
Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY

Molly Smith

Provost
St. Martin's University
Lacey, WA

Vincent Solis

Vice President for Instruction and
Student Services
Laredo Community College
Laredo, TX

Renva Watterson

Vice President, Academic Affairs
Georgia Highlands College
Rome, GA

Loredana Werth

Provost
University of Pikeville
Pikeville, KY

Dale Whittaker

Provost and Executive Vice President
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

Richard Woodfield, Jr.

Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Zane State College
Zanesville, OH