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Research Committee —a Valuable Resource to Members

The NABCA Research Committee welcomes inquiries from researchers planning branch-campus-related projects. If you wish to invite NABCA members to complete an online survey or to volunteer to be interviewed, that request starts at the Research Committee. If you are at a developmental stage and would like to pre-test your survey or interview questions, committee members would be glad to assist. Or if you would like pre-proposal input from people who understand branch campus administration, just ask committee members.

Perhaps you've already completed a branch-campus-related dissertation or published a relevant journal article. If so, please send the citation for the online bibliography. To reach the Research Committee, contact Dr. Phyllis Bebko at pbebko@fau.edu.

On-line Discussion Board Debuts

Numerous advancements have been made to the NABCA website. The newest addition is our Discussion Board. It can be found at www.nabca.net under the Resources tab. Though this may seem obvious, but it takes more than one person to make a successful discussion board. You are encouraged to ask questions and make comments regularly. Depending on the use, participation may be limited to members only in the future.

To get started, click on the link and tab noted above until the discussion board opens. Registering is then quite simple—click on the "Register" link and provide the requested information and you are ready to get started.

One way to use the site is to ask questions periodically as they come up at your institution. Others can provide answers or comments as they review the site. There is great potential for the discussion board to be a valuable resource to all of us interested in branch campuses. Participation is the key.

Register Now for 2010 Conference

Registration is now open for the **13th Annual NABCA conference** which will take place in **Tulsa, Oklahoma April 14-16th**. The host site is the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center.

This year's theme is *Bridging the Gap: Serving Adult Learners and Diverse Populations*. Confirmed to deliver a keynote address is Dr. Gary Conti, professor of adult education at Oklahoma State University. Also presenting at the conference is Brenda Harms, principal consultant with Stamats, Inc., Both are leading experts on the topic of the adult learner in higher education.

Attendees will also hear from Wilma Mankiller, a former (and first female) principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, on the topic of diversity. Ms. Mankiller is currently serving as a Sequoyah Fellow at Northeastern State University.



Visit the NABCA website at www.nabca.net to register for the conference. The advance registration fee is \$445 including membership to NABCA. After March 20 the cost increases to \$495, so register early for the best deal.

NABCA Campus and Center Administrator Survey Update

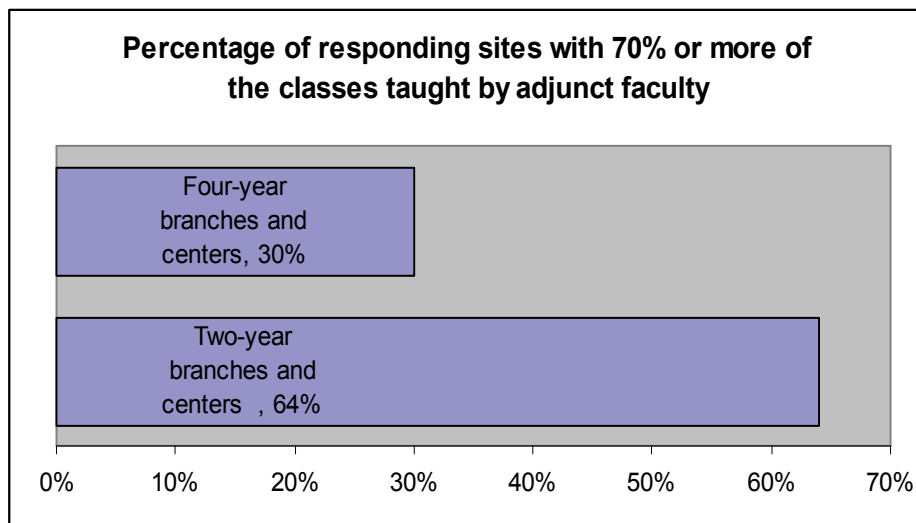
As the number of responses to the NABCA Campus and Center Administrator Survey grows, the picture we are getting is becoming clearer. The most recent analysis of responses has provided insight into some of the differences between two- and four-year institutions.

For example, among the 34 two-year institutions responding to the survey, half of the branches or centers were located within twenty miles of the main campus, and 85% were within fifty miles. This is markedly different from the branches and centers of four-year institutions, which are generally much further from the main campus. Only five of the 58 four-year institutions' sites were within twenty miles of the main campus, while more than half (55%) were located fifty or more miles from the main campus. This raises some interesting questions regarding possible differences in the management of branches and centers between two- and four-year institutions.

Another significant difference between two- and four-year institutions seems to be in the

extent to which their respective sites are dependent on adjunct faculty. Community college branches and centers appear to be more dependant on part-time faculty than are their four-year counterparts. This is illustrated in the following chart.

Stay tuned as we continue to gather data from the survey. If you have not already



done so, please complete the survey at www.nabca.net. Once on the home page, just click the "take the NABCA Survey" link.

Branch Campuses—Feature in Upcoming Metropolitan Universities Journal

In the winter of 2011, Metropolitan Universities Journal is publishing an issue with the theme "Branch Campuses and Collaboration: Increasing Access and Maximizing Resources." The NABCA Research Committee is acting as the editorial board for this issue and seeks proposals from researchers interested in submitting an article for the journal. The issue will consist of 7-8 articles, each averaging 6,000-7,000 words (or 15-25 pages of single spaced text in Microsoft Word) including references.

Metropolitan Universities is the journal of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities. For its journal, it seeks contributions that analyze and discuss:

- Pertinent policy issues, citing examples and specific steps to be taken
- Innovative programs or projects, pointing out implications for other institutions and the pitfalls to be avoided
- New organizational and procedural approaches and;

- Pedagogic developments in a reasoned and rigorous fashion, ideas that are provocative, challenging readers to re-examine traditional definitions, concepts, policies, and procedures

To propose an article for the issue, please send an abstract or proposal of no more than 500 words, to Dr. John Krueger at KRUEGER@adelphi.edu by April 1, 2010. The Committee will select proposals by May 1st. Completed articles will be due October 1, 2010.

For more information about submissions for the 2011 winter issue of Metropolitan Universities, go to <http://muj.uc.iupui.edu> submission.htm

The NABCA website is an excellent resource for colleagues wanting to learn more about regional and branch campus administration, operations, challenges and opportunities. For more information about NABCA, visit our website at: www.nabca.net

NABCA VP/President Elect achieves University Presidency



Dr. Ed Huceby recently left his post as chief academic officer at Northeastern State University's Broken Arrow campus to become the 11th president of Southwestern Christian University in January 2010. Dr.

Huceby has been a long-time member of the National Association Branch Campus Administrators, and has served in several board roles, including Vice President/President Elect for the 2010-11 year. His new position of University president will require an inordinate amount of his time. So with great regret, he will be unable to assume the leadership of NABCA next year. Dr. Huceby is still committed to NABCA and will support the organization where he can. The NABCA executive committee is in the process of identifying a new Vice President.