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South Carolina Wins SEC Academic Collaboration Award

The University of South Carolina was recently announced as the recipient of the second SEC Academic Collaboration Award.

The goal of the SEC Academic Collaboration Award is to expand student-focused collaboration among SEC universities. The award is annually given to one SEC institution, as determined by the SEC Provosts, to support joint activities involving all other SEC universities.

The theme of the 2016 event will be *SEC Universities: Uniting Voices for Social Change*. Student and faculty representatives from all 14 SEC institutions will meet in Columbia, S.C., to discuss civic engagement, social justice, diversity and inclusion. Participants will also examine best practices, learn leadership



2015 SEC Academic Collaboration event attendees take part in group exercises.

skills and share strategies to promote social change on their campuses.

“The University of South Carolina has for more than 50 years supported student leaders and encouraged growth in diversity in higher education,” said Joan Gabel, Ex-

ecutive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at South Carolina. “We are looking forward to including our fellow SEC universities in our longstanding program that focuses on these areas this February. We are also honored to have been selected by the SEC Provosts and the Southeastern Conference to host the second SEC Academic Collaboration Award event.”

This year’s event will take place February 5-7, 2016, and will be held in conjunction with the University of South Carolina’s 30th annual Student Leadership and Diversity Conference.

Texas A&M University won the first SEC Academic Collaboration Award and hosted a workshop that focused on open access to research articles and textbooks.

2015-16 SEC Faculty Travel Program Participants Announced



LSU’s Dr. Neil Johannsen lectures at Mississippi State University.

More than 110 faculty members from all 14 Southeastern Conference universities will take part in the 2015-16 SEC Faculty Travel Program.

“Due to the struggle to secure research funding, the SEC Faculty Travel Program is a vital entity to enhance collaborative efforts among SEC universities,” said Dr. Neil Johannsen, Assistant Professor in the School of Kinesiology at Louisiana State University and former participant.

Through the SEC Faculty Travel Program, the SEC provides financial assistance for its faculty members to travel to other SEC universities to exchange ideas, develop grant proposals, conduct research and deliver lectures or performances.

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2015 SEC Symposium Rewind

A brief video recap of the 2015 SEC Symposium was recently released on SECU’s YouTube channel. Click on the image to see this year’s event, which focused on creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, from the perspective of SEC students.



2015-16 SEC ALDP Fellows Meet at Arkansas

The University of Arkansas hosted the SEC Academic Leadership Development Program’s (SEC ALDP) fall workshop, Oct. 5-7, in Fayetteville.

SEC ALDP fellows heard from several Arkansas administrators on topics such as balancing professional and personal life, managing personnel issues and building diversity.

The program also included a chancellors panel that featured Dr. Dan Ferritor, Interim Chancellor at Arkansas, and former Chancellor Dr. Dave Gearhart. The two had an open dialogue with participants on leadership, the relationship between the university and its numerous constituents, and the ever-changing landscape of higher education. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Arkansas Interim Chancellor Dr. Dan Ferritor and former Chancellor Dr. Dave Gearhart talk with fellows.