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To: UNCG Faculty
FROM: John Sopper, Director, Grogan College
RE: BECOME A GROGAN COLLEGE FACULTY FELLOW

ABOUT GROGAN COLLEGE: Grogan supports first year student learning, personal development and retention through its topical learning communities.—a group of 15-25 students who share a common interest in a given academic field. The students in each learning community (LC) are enrolled together in several common courses related to their LC topic; they live together in Grogan Hall, and they work with a faculty fellow who mentors the students and teaches their section of a 2 credit seminar course called UNS 105: "The Learning Community Experience". Also, an upper class peer mentor (PAL) is assigned to each LC. The PAL lives in the building with their learning community, attends their LC's section of UNS 105 and serves the faculty fellow as a teaching assistant and liaison to the students. In addition, Grogan College provides funding for community building and co-curricular activities that are planned by the faculty fellows to support integrative and deep learning. Grogan attracts a very diverse student population with high levels of participation by minorities, first generation college students and students receiving financial aid. The retention rate (2004-2008) and first year achieved GPA are significantly higher for Grogan students than for the first year student population as a whole.

SUMMARY OF FACULTY FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach a GEC or MAJOR course for freshmen
- Teach your learning community's section of UNS105
- Guide your students through a "capstone" small group research and presentation project
- Participate in some of the co-curricular activities of Grogan College
- Make time available to mentor and support your learning community students
- Help to identify, recruit, mentor and supervise the PAL assigned to your learning community
- Meet with other faculty fellows 2xs each semester for faculty lunches

BENEFITS

- Stipend of \$ 3000
- Opportunities to positively impact student success and retention
- Small class/group of engaged students to mentor and teach
- Opportunities to recruit and mentor future majors
- Opportunities to meet and work with other faculty
- Opportunities to try innovative approaches to teaching
- Opportunities for research and scholarship on teaching and learning
- Funding and logistical support for field experiences, speakers, service learning and other course related activities.

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