Good Afternoon,

We are writing to share information about the expansion of KU’s new First-Year Seminar Program. This semester we are offering eleven pilot seminars on a range of thought provoking and innovative topics. In Fall 2013, we anticipate adding 10-14 new seminars for our freshmen students. Please share the following course proposal information with faculty in your school, department, or program.

First-Year Seminars are 3-credit hour courses that are to be taught by faculty as part of their regular teaching load. For 2013-2014, as part of the pilot growth for this program, departments will be compensated up to a reasonable amount to cover instructional costs that result from their faculty participation unless other arrangements have been made with new faculty hires.

Faculty interested in teaching a First-Year Seminar should complete and submit the attached proposal to the Office of First-Year Experience (firstyear@ku.edu) by October 22, 2012. First-Year Seminars submitted for consideration for Fall 2013 should address the critical thinking goal and learning outcomes for the KU Core.

We will offer the following workshops focused on the design of First-Year Seminars. Individuals are not required to attend a workshop to submit a proposal, although participation is highly recommended. Participants should RSVP to firstyear@ku.edu.

- Friday, September 21st 2:30-5:00 p.m. International Room, Kansas Union
- Wednesday, September 26th 2:30-5:00 p.m. Kansas Room, Kansas Union
- Thursday, October 11th 9:00-11:30 a.m. Governors Room, Kansas Union

The proposal form includes additional information about First-Year Seminar development. Please feel free to contact either or both of us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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