Strategic Planning and Core Themes:

Supporting Activity Status Report 2014-15

Please provide a brief summary on progress to date through summer, 2015, and include any supporting data. Please have all status reports returned to Cathy Fulkerson by January 15, with copy to Brandis Senecal.

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Primary Assignee: Grants Director

Other Assignees: Foundation Director

Summary:

As of summer 2015, we are ahead of the schedule for meeting this outcome. Fundraising is on track and programmatic aspects of the project are on track. The GBC Foundation and VHC Committee have currently secured $610,000 of an obligated $1 million in matching funds for the grant. We have received $300,000 in Federal funds.

Activities from the beginning of the project (September 2013) through July 2015 have focused predominantly on establishing a digital infrastructure for the Virtual Humanities Center, implementing the Humanities Toolkit component, and piloting the HUM 111 humanities gateway course sections.

Summary of Overall Activities

1. The Virtual Humanities Center (VHC), an online portal for humanities content comprising a website (www.humanities.gbcnv.edu) and searchable database for digital content, has been brought live and is currently operating. Utilization of the OMEKA digital archiving software developed by George Mason University’s Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media allows a searchable database (with multilingual search capabilities) for VHC content.

2. The basis of a Humanities Toolkit to provide resources for instructors to incorporate humanities-oriented materials into courses has been constructed using materials from GBC instructors.

3. HUM 111, a survey-level humanities “gateway” course, was offered for the first time in Fall 2014 and again in Spring 2015. An initial review of the two course sections indicate the course succeeded in its design goals and was well-received by students.