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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This past year at PACE was extremely productive year and marked by an increase in the number of PACE-sponsored events and programs. For purposes of this summary, we will outline the significant activities of 2009-2010.

PACE continues to impact the University and the surrounding local community in significant ways. Faculty members from a range of academic disciplines (Biology, Communication Arts, Education, English, Health Education and Exercise Science, History, Marketing and Management, Nursing, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Social Work and Sociology, to name a few) were involved in PACE programs.

Different administrative departments (Fulton School of Liberal Arts, The President's Office, The Provost's Office, Office of Student Affairs, Registrar's Office, Scarborough Student Leadership Center, PAC-14, Guerrieri University Center, The Philosophy Department, Public Radio Delmarva, Career Services, Public Safety and Dining Services) worked on numerous collaborative projects with PACE.

Nearly 65 students were involved with PACE's elite one-year Presidential Citizen Scholars program, double the amount of students from the previous year. Indeed, this was the largest, most diverse group of Scholars with satellite and international students involved. Of course, this number does not include the hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members who attended PACE-sponsored lectures and events. The Constitution Day keynote address by Journalist E.J. Dionne Jr. in September alone brought more than 220 students, faculty, staff and community members to campus for a single event.

The Presidential Citizen Scholars Program finished another one-year run with students from each school and 26 different majors represented. Now in its fifth year, the program has evolved into a multi-faceted experience involving political and community engagement and the practice of good citizenship.

In May, many parents and family members of students attended the final Scholars ceremony in which President Janet Dudley-Eshbach awarded each participant a certificate of recognition and special honor cords. Provost Diane Allen and Scott Jensen, Special Assistant for Community and Government Relations, also attended.

The John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Program continued its success. PACE honored Delegate Talmadge Branch from the Maryland House of Delegates as the 9th recipient of this award at *SU Day* in Annapolis in March.

Delegate Branch then visited our campus in April, and PACE hosted a luncheon reception for the Delegate with SU's President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, faculty, staff, and students. Afterward, Delegate Branch spoke to Dr. Adam Hoffman's Political Parties class for a fascinating discussion about his Baltimore district and the day in the life of state legislator.

PACE also conducted survey research for the SU School of Social Work in Fall 2009/Winter 2010 -- a Family Needs Assessment for Somerset County, Maryland.

PRESIDENTIAL CITIZEN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

This year, 65 students completed the one-year Presidential Citizen Scholar program. The class consisted of juniors and seniors from different academic disciplines. Their majors included: Accounting, Anthropology, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Communications, Computer Science, Conflict and Dispute Resolution, Economics, Elementary Education, English, Environmental and Marine Sciences, Exercise Science, Finance, Geography, History, International Business, International Relations, Marketing, Math, Media Production, Nursing, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Vocal Performance.

In the fall, Dr. Fran Kane, Dr. Adam Hoffman, Dr. Creston Long and Managing Director Ginie Lynch each taught a section of the 1-credit Citizen Workshop I seminar to educate students about principles of citizenship and civic engagement. We were able to accommodate nearly all of the students who applied to the program.

We brought in a number of guest speakers for the students. They included:

- SU alum and Crisis Management Expert Tim Kane, who discussed his work at Ground Zero after 9/11 and his assistance in Haiti after the 2001 mudslides,
- U.S. Senator Tom Carper,
- Delegate Talmadge Branch,
- Comptroller Peter Franchot.

To enhance the Scholars' learning experience, PACE offered five additional one-credit classes. The one-credit classes sponsored by PACE introduced students to new ideas and skills required for effective and practical political and civic action.

The students received a certificate of completion from President Janet Dudley-Eshbach at the closing ceremony on May 7th at the Scarborough Student Leadership Center and were honored at Honor's Convocation.

Responses from student reflection papers about the 2009-10 Scholar's program were enthusiastic and the most thoughtful since the program's inception. Each reflection paper discussed the highlights for each individual student and offered good program suggestions for the future. In the words of one scholar, "This positive, motivating and educational program has promoted more self-awareness than any other I have participated in at SU."

Another student said, "This program has offered me a set of experiences that go above and beyond what is normally offered to a college student. The PACE directors have challenged us as Citizen Scholars to think critically about what it means to be a citizen and why civic involvement is vital to the wellbeing of our nation." Finally, another said the program was one of the biggest highlights of his collegiate career.

JOHN R. HARGREAVES DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE FELLOW PROGRAM

Our ninth honoree in this program was Delegate Talmadge Branch who represents 45th legislative district of Baltimore. Delegate Branch is a PACE Advisory Board member. His candidness about serving in the Maryland General Assembly and interest in our students made for a dynamic program for our Presidential Citizen Scholars. Many of the Scholars said his talk was one of the most meaningful of all they attended that year.

Delegate Talmadge Branch was awarded the honor by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach at a special ceremony in Annapolis on March 8, an event that was attended by a packed audience of state legislators and constituents. In addition to President Dudley-Eshbach, Maryland Speaker Michael Busch and State Senator Mike Miller made remarks.

On April 21, Delegate Branch visited SU's campus, met with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and had lunch with invited guests in the Founder's Room. He then spoke to one of Dr. Adam Hoffman's political science classes. Students asked Delegate Branch many questions, including details about his Baltimore District, different legislation he has sponsored, and about the specific experience of being racially profiled by Maryland police when he was driving his car with State Delegate tags. One Scholar commented that, "Delegate Branch helped me to better understand the legislative process and his lecture motivated me to get involved in the electoral process and finally made me to understand the significance of local elections."

LECTURES AND FORUMS

PACE also hosted many lectures and forums that were politically diverse, well attended, and enthusiastically received.

Constitution Day Lecture by Journalist E.J. Dionne Jr. (Sept. 16, 2009)

On September 16, award-winning journalist and political commentator E.J. Dionne spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

Dionne served as the keynoter for Constitution Day and PACE's 10th anniversary celebration discussing, "*The New Generation: How They Will Change American Politics*." Dionne said he recognized that this generation has taken on the task of reforming the nation with the common good in mind. Kaori Morris, a PACE Scholar, found inspiration from Dionne's speech. "Dionne emphasized that we, especially our generation, can change the direction of American politics," said Morris. "He encouraged us to get engaged in politics and the local community, and gave us a hope for political reform." Kellie Mooney, another Scholar, agreed. "Not only did I leave the lecture feeling like I knew more about the world we live in, but I felt empowered to make a difference."

MD Comptroller Peter Franchot (March 23, 2010)

The Maryland Comptroller visited PACE and spoke to Presidential Citizen Scholars in an informal luncheon setting. Comptroller Franchot was interested in student perspective on the economy and how it has affected their job search. He described the economic situation in Maryland with high unemployment, escalating home foreclosures, and the mortgage market to go through contraction, which will cause more problems. Comptroller Franchot also assessed health care bill finances and emphasized his concern of how we will pay for it. Students were interested in his perspective and his discussion on how science can serve as a profitable future for Maryland. The Comptroller believes that by creating more biotechnology companies we can provide more jobs in fields beyond science. A Scholar said she enjoyed meeting Comptroller Franchot because "Comptroller Franchot shared with us the reality of Maryland's financial situation and proposed realistic possible solutions."

Rope in the Hands Performance (March 24, 2010)

In March Siobhan O'Loughlin took the packed Black Box Theater to the city of New Orleans with her portrayal of life after Hurricane Katrina in the one-act play, *The Rope in Your Hands*. Through the viewpoints of 13 actual residents, she exposed the devastation, despair, heartache, confusion, fear, and hope that came from the horrific natural disaster. The performance was sponsored by PACE to bring civic engagement to life for the Hargreaves Faculty Seminar, Presidential Citizen Scholars and the SU community.

The performance, O'Loughlin's second at SU, was extremely well received by students, faculty and community members. Senior Leanne Lechoco said the performance truly represented the value of civic engagement. "The performance reiterated why I wanted to be a Presidential Citizen Scholar. Siobhan reminded me that this program is not solely about civic engagement, but the importance of creating my own definition of it. (The play) and the program have provided to me that having a message is insignificant unless you share it."

PACE-PRMC Ethics Forum (April 13, 2010)

The topic of a dynamic conference, “*Not So Silent Minds: Neuroethics and Disorders of Consciousness*,” was hosted in April by Peninsula Regional Medical Center’s Pastoral Care Office and SU’s Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE).

Nationally known medical ethicist, Dr. Joseph Fins, chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, was the featured lecturer and spoke to a packed audience of educators, medical professionals, and students. Dr. Fins is an expert in many branches of science, as he serves as Professor of Medicine, Professor of Medicine in Psychiatry and Professor of Public Health at Weill Cornell Medical College.

A panel of hospital and university professionals responded to Dr. Fins’ remarks. They included: Dr. Richard Bird and Dr. James Cockey of Peninsula Regional Medical Center and Dr. Katie Hinderer of Nursing, Dr. Larence Becker of Psychology and Francis Kane of the Philosophy Department.

Scholars Luncheon with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach (April 16, 2010)

In April, Scholars attending an informal luncheon with the President in which students were able to talk about what they had learned during the program and had an opportunity to exchange ideas with the President about enhancing political and civic engagement at Salisbury University. Students said they really enjoyed being able to meet Dr. Janet and learn about her background in education and why she is such a staunch supporter of public service and community engagement. One student said that when she looks back 30 years from now and reflects on her college years, she will always remember the luncheon and talking personally with the President.

U.S. Senator Tom Carper Visits Salisbury University (April 26, 2010)

In what has become a regular event, Delaware’s Senator Tom Carper visited SU, met with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and spoke to PACE Presidential Citizen Scholars and Dr. Mike O’Loughlin’s political science class. Carper discussed his work in the U.S. Senate, the state of the U.S. economy and the economy on the Delmarva Peninsula, foreign policy, the environment, and his concern about the increased partisan tone of Washington, D.C. The students commented on what an honor it was for a U.S. Senator to join them to share his personal wisdom and anecdotes. He also discussed his personal core values on what makes good leadership. One of our Delaware Scholars called Senator Carper’s lecture, “an outstanding opportunity to listen to a politician who believes in and lives the ideal of integrity.”

Hargreaves Faculty Seminar/ Spring 2010

This spring semester PACE took yet another step toward promoting civic engagement within the campus community. This time the focus was on the faculty. Drs. Francis Kane and George Whitehead, with the help of PACE, designed the Hargreaves Faculty Seminar to provide professors with the tools to introduce civic engagement and service learning into the classroom.

The participating faculty and staff members, representing all four schools at SU, met eight times throughout the semester with Drs. Kane and Whitehead to discuss topics of civic responsibilities in times of crisis. Those involved in the seminar included: Dr. Jim Forte (Social Work), Dr. Tom Jones (Biological Sciences), Dr. Laura Marasco (Education), Dr. Susan Muller (Health, PE and Human Performance), Marie Becky (Management/Marketing), Nancy Mitchell (English), Dr. Jerome Miller (Philosophy), Dr. Meredith Patterson (Psychology), Dr. Kane, Dr. Whitehead and Ginie Lynch (PACE). The main goal of the seminar was to show professors how to incorporate civic engagement into their classes and attain more student involvement. PACE plans to host more such seminars in the coming years.

PACE Diverse Learning Experiences

Each year PACE gives students from all majors the opportunity to gain real-life experience in the classroom. PACE offered five one-credit courses focusing on topics from the effectiveness of community policing to exploring the local food movement, gardening, and examining Maryland's politics and political strategies.

The participating students were largely members of the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program, although all SU students were welcome to take the classes.

- In the fall, Dr. James Hatley (Philosophy) taught a class on Gardening, Farming and Food Sustainability, in which students learned about how health care costs are related to the American food culture and why the industrial eater diet is so prominent in today's society.
- Strategies for Political Change, taught by PACE co-director Dr. Adam Hoffman (Political Science), provided students with the opportunity to examine successful political changes at the state, local, national and international level, and the organizations and individuals behind the success. Scholar Jessica Berge said she learned from the class that when motivated "ordinary people can do extraordinary things. Berge said that when she starts her teaching career, she will draw from her experiences to encourage students to be active citizens.
- Dr. Harry Basehart (PACE co-founder) taught *Issues & Politics in Maryland*. Here, students focused on the role of the governor and legislative leaders in issues facing the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

- Another unique class offered was *Assessing the Viability of Community Policing*, taught by Dr. Haven Simmons (Communication Arts). During this course, students studied the effectiveness of community policing by conducting interviews with local law enforcement officers. Students in the community policing class said they were able to gain a better understanding of Salisbury's law enforcement.
- Dr. Shawn McEntee's (Sociology) class, *The Local Food Movement*, explored the social, economic and environmental factors that drive the movement. Students examined the fascinating networks of food consumption and distribution on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Organization

Dr. Fran Kane and Dr. Adam Hoffman served as PACE's co-directors and Ginie Lynch remained the Managing Director.

Dr. Fran Kane, co-founder and co-director, retired in May after 11 years of leadership at PACE and 35 years of teaching philosophy. Dr. Kane will be missed for his dedication to PACE's programs, creative teaching, and dedication to civic and political engagement on campus and in the community. Co-Director Dr. Adam Hoffman assumed the directorship of the Institute, bringing an extensive knowledge of national and local politics and a passion for teaching to PACE.

Dr. Hoffman's teaching interests include American politics, campaigns and elections, race and politics, public opinion, research methodology, and state and local government. In addition, Dr. Hoffman leads the PACE-Political Science Internship Program, which made him a natural fit for the Institute.

Also to be missed will be PACE staff assistant Amy Hafez who worked at the Institute from August 2009 to August 2010. Amy graduated in May 2009 and will be attending Johns Hopkins University, studying biology in the part-time master's degree program.

PACE has assumed responsibility for the remaining John R. Hargreaves monies and the development of new programs. During this year, PACE oversaw the first Hargreaves Faculty Seminar on Civic Responsibility in a Time of Crisis, in which professors from diverse departments were participants to strengthen the University's mission to develop an engaged campus.

PACE, under the direction of Co-Founder Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. George Whitehead, director of the Institute for Service Learning, began spearheading an analysis of a SU campus-wide student engagement survey on Voting, Volunteerism and Service Learning. The results of the survey will be released in the 2010-2011 academic year.

Survey Research

PACE conducted survey research for the SU School of Social Work in Fall of 2009 -- Winter 2010. This project focused on conducting a Somerset County Family Needs Assessment. Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Adam Hoffman ran this survey with student Natalie Pappas serving as the research assistant. The Institute made a modest profit from the survey.

Fund Raising and Donations

This past year has shown a significant increase in donated funds for PACE that should serve us in good stead for a number of years. Although we did not bring in grant money, the new approach we have developed in cooperation with SU's Foundation has enabled us to put PACE on a much stronger financial footing.

- **Hargreaves Fund:** PACE is administering the remaining funds from the John Hargreaves bequest, which is allowing PACE to pilot new programs and initiatives over the next five years; among them include: the faculty civic engagement/service learning seminar, a resource center for enhanced courses using civic engagement and service learning, and a survey of the need and impact of civic engagement/service learning at SU.

Conferences and Talks

- **American Democracy Project.** Co-Director Adam Hoffman represented PACE in June 2010 at the American Democracy Project National Meeting "Diversity and Civic Engagement" held in Rhode Island. The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. The 230 participating colleges and universities, as members of the AASCU, (the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, have been described as "Stewards of Place." Dr. Hoffman plans to present at the 2011 national ADP conference in June.
- **PACE – PRMC Ethics Conference.** PRMC, the Medical Center's Patient Care Advocacy Committee and PACE sponsored its fifth Ethics Conference and Dinner held April 7th at SU. This year's conference was titled: "*Not So Silent Minds: Neuroethics and Disorders of Consciousness.*" SU students from Dr. Fran Kane and Mary Kane's Ethics class attended the event in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

Community and University Partnerships

PACE continues to establish partnerships at SU and throughout the region.

- **External:** Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.

- Internal: Salisbury University Town Gown Council and the External Relations Committee. Specific projects that include working with various departments and offices: Nursing, Social Work, the Center for Conflict Resolution, Communication Arts, History, Philosophy, Publications, Political Science, Public Relations, Career Services and others.

Directors' Activities

- Dr. Adam Hoffman leads the PACE-Political Science Internship Program and is the Pre-Law Advisor in the Political Science Department.
- Ginie Lynch continues to serve on the SU Town/Gown Council and the External Relations Committee.
- Dr. Fran Kane serves on the Salisbury City Ethics Commission.

In conclusion, PACE finished an academic year that was incredibly engaged and active. This was due in part to numerous strong programs and excellent guest speakers; increased local awareness of PACE through the outreach of the PACE management team, and forums on policy issues that brought large numbers of SU students, faculty, and community members to campus. This summer will see PACE focused on planning the 2010 – 2011 academic year with a full schedule of events and special academic seminars that embody PACE's political and civic engagement mission during the upcoming election year.

2009-2010 Budget and Finances

FY09 Balance forward-SUF 122600	\$	56,136
Hargreaves Civic Engagement Fund		104,551
PACE State Acct 170500		87,300
Total FY 2010 Budget		247,987

INCOME :

Operations and Programs:

Survey Research Program-Montgomery County		3,780
Survey Research Program-Somerset County		8,229
PACE/PRMC		400
Donations		2,285
Interest Income		467
Total Income		15,161

EXPENSES:

Operations:

Staff Salaries (Mg Dir & Admin Support)		84,964
Summer Stipends		3,000
Staff Development (Conferences)		731
SU Operations Transfer - SUF to SU		(2,366)
Operating Costs:		
Misc. Operating Expenses		5,018
Misc. Event Costs		1,967
SU Foundation Administrative Fees		1,521

Programs:

PACE Courses		-
Lectures and Forums Programs		245
Hargreaves Legislative Fellow Program		138
College Student Voting Program		-

Survey Research Program		
	Montgomery County	2,446
	Somerset	
	County	6,799
Presidential Citizen Scholarship Program		7,404
PRMC		386

Hargreaves Initiative:

Civic Engagement/Service Learning Fac Seminars		6,121
Civic Engagement/Service Learning Resource Center		657
Civic Engagement/ Vote Volunteer Student Survey		110
PACE/ Service Learning Partnership		5,040
International Citizen Initiative		-
Hargreaves Lecture Series		3,000
Hargreaves Internships		-
Misc Administrative Fees		<u>1,539</u>
	Total Expenses	128,720

Less SU Salary		
Contribution Budget Adj.		<u>(1,198)</u>

June 30, 2010 Ending		
Balance	\$	<u>133,229</u>

