

The Political Engagement Project
Ferris State University
Political Engagement Project
Instructor Contract

This agreement between FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY and the faculty member identified below specifies logistical support, required training, course expectations, outcomes assessments and reports to be completed during the following instructional activity.

A. Participation in the Political Engagement Project: Ferris State University has chosen to continue the Political Engagement Project for the current academic year. The major distinction of a Political Engagement Project Course (PEP) is that it does not require creation of a new course or the complete overhaul of an existing course. Rather, PEP requires only that at least one of the course objectives will serve to improve student political engagement in relation to course material by exposing students to real events and players in a political arena. Examples of relevant activities include, but are not limited to: guest speaker series, attendance at governmental meetings, travel to events away from campus, utilization of current media resources in addition to or in place of texts, etc.

To achieve those objectives, each PEP instructor will be responsible for:

- 1) participating in scheduled Political Engagement Project professional development programming prior to and during the semester of instruction
- 2) developing appropriate instructional activities and assignments for the designated course in order to meet the criteria of the FSU Political Engagement Project
- 3) teaching one section of that course in the semester following development of the activities and assignments
- 4) participating in monthly PEP exchanges with other PEP faculty and the project co-coordinators
- 5) conducting the necessary student feedback and outcomes assessments and reports

B. Incentives: The Division of Academic Affairs will support the development of this political engagement “culture” in a variety of ways. To that end the following resources will be made available to faculty who participate in this program:

- 1) budgetary support for course related PEP expenses up to \$300.00 (Must be approved in advance.)
- 2) assistance in development of activities and training
- 3) monthly PEP exchanges with other PEP faculty
- 4) secretarial assistance, logistical support and budget assistance for course activities, such as student travel, speaker honoraria, etc.
- 5) opportunities to share results through conferences and publications
- 6) PEP related publications (NYT, PEP and ADP Monographs, ADP web resources)

C. Approvals

(Faculty Member)

(Course # and Title)

Proposed PEP Activity or Assignment

PEP Faculty Co-Coordinator

(date)

Cc: Department Head