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Opening Day Update

The implementation phase of general education reform at UW Oshkosh is in progress. Following the Faculty Senate's acceptance of the proposal in March 2012, our campus community has accomplished these major implementation activities:

APRIL 2012

- Departments began to identify courses for the USP.

MAY/JUNE 2012

- Provost Earns appointed members of the USP implementation team, now called the USP Council.
- UW Oshkosh welcomed John Robertson as our new ePortfolio Specialist. He comes to us from the University of Strathclyde.
- Professional development began with a Faculty College for the Quest I and Quest Speaking and Writing teaching communities, which developed the first USP courses.

JULY 2012

- UW Oshkosh received a UW System Institutional Change Grant that will help support USP development over the next three years.
- Over 80 members of the teaching community submitted draft syllabi. A team of faculty members provided feedback to support this course development process.

AUGUST 2012

- Departments submitted Quest I and Explore courses for review and approval.
- Provost Earns presented information about the USP to the UW System Board of Regents.
- The Faculty Senate USP Committee (formerly APGES) prepared for their extensive course review and approval process.

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USP Plans for 2012-2013

- **Weekly Updates** will continue this year. Check your inbox each Tuesday for the latest news about the USP and related professional development opportunities.
- **Provost's Teaching and Learning Summit: *Civic Engagement and Student Learning*** will take place October 22-26, 2012. In preparation for Quest III, this Summit will provide an opportunity for community and campus organizations to connect with the teaching community and alumni mentors.
- **Teaching and Learning Web Resources** are available and expanding. See http://www.uwosh.edu/usp for the latest materials to help you plan your USP courses.
- **University Studies Program Web Site for Students** will debut September 21.
- **Quest II Professional Development** will take place September 28-29. Please register by September 14.
- **Quest III Professional Development** will take place January 7-8 and 15-17. Please register by November 9.
- **USP Visits with Departments** about advising and the ePortfolio will begin in February.
- **Peer Mentor Recommendations, Recruitment and Training** begin this fall. Watch your inbox for further information.
- **Alumni Mentors for Quest III** community projects are an exciting new development for the USP.

Your questions and contributions are always welcome!
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