

<b>Project Name:</b>	Expansion of FIG (First Year Interest Group) Program
<b>MIU Round:</b>	Round 1
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	College of Letters and Science
<b>Coordinator(s):</b>	Greg Smith
<b>Partner(s):</b>	NA
<b>Report Date:</b>	Year 1, August 2010

Project Specific Goal and Measures	
<b>Project Impact Measure(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of FIGs offered each year to 60.</li> <li>• Work with each school/college to implement at least one FIG.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Impact Data Source(s)</b>	The FIGs annual report.
<b>Baseline Measure(s)</b>	Fall 2009, 32 FIGs, 598 students.

General MIU Goals and Measures (applicable to project)		
D	Increased student learning and teaching excellence	Students will learn to see interdisciplinary connections between courses and students will value interdisciplinary approaches to learning. These two goals will be assessed through focus groups with FIG participants and through feedback on end-of-semester surveys.
F	Decreased achievement gaps	Many FIGs include a course that meets the ethnic studies requirement as one of the three linked courses. Other FIGs have themes connected to diversity issues. The FIGs program has developed partnerships with targeted minority support programs and reserves space in FIGs for students in AAP, CEO, SCE, and First Wave. Targeted minorities now comprise 30% of FIG students (compared to 11% of the overall new freshman class).
G	Attention to diversity in new hires	Not applicable to project. No new hires resulted from this project.
H	Other goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with small departments who do not have funds to release faculty.</li> <li>• Fund a FIG section of a course when departments don't have money to do on own.</li> <li>• Pilot new FIGs in areas that were not previously well served (Business).</li> </ul>

## Progress Reports

Year 1

Expanded FIGs coordinator position from 50% to 100%. Added a 33% PA position. For Fall 2010, a FIG is being offered in each school/college that has an undergraduate major. For Fall 2010, 44 FIGs are being offered. At least 5 more about being planned for spring 2010 bringing the anticipated 2010-11 total to 50.