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## *Fourteenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium Enhancing Quality through Engaged Assessment & Research*

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## *Preface*

This **Fourteenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium** on “*Enhancing Quality through Engaged Assessment & Research*” places focus on the importance of examining the outcomes of our instructional strategies to develop the most effective approaches for enhancing teaching and learning, and also for meeting the growing demands of accreditation organizations and grant funders.

Bringing the HBCU Faculty Development Symposium to Tuskegee gives us the opportunity to visit an institution that is rich in history and that serves as a symbol of the ongoing struggle for equal rights and justice. We will also be focusing on nearby Montgomery with our visit to Alabama State University and the showing of a documentary film on the women behind the Montgomery Bus Boycott, followed by a panel discussion.

We welcome as keynote speaker Dr. Vincent Tinto, a national leader in the use of learning communities and collaborative pedagogies to enhance student learning and retention. We also welcome the representatives from the Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education at the Evergreen State College who have worked closely with the HBCU Faculty Development.

The Network also co-sponsors learning community workshops and summer institutes. The preconference workshops are reflective of the conference theme, with sessions on assessment; learning communities; community-based participatory research; research ethics and minority communities; and technology, assessment & professional development. The faculty development breakfast series and several concurrent sessions also focus on assessment and research.

We thank both Tuskegee University and Alabama State University for the important roles they have played in the organization of the symposium and the hosting of activities.

Sincerely,

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