The Thursday evening opening reception will take place at the Marcus Welcome Center on the main campus of Wichita State University. The Center sits on the edge of the golf course near the intersection of 21st Street North and Mike Oatman Drive on the north side of campus.

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PURPOSE

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ENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, October 2, 2008
Wichita State University Marcus Welcome Center
5:30 – 7:30 PM Check-in & Opening Reception

Friday, October 3, 2008
Wichita State University Hughes Metropolitan Complex
7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 8:45 AM Welcome Introduction of COCAO Members
Tribute to Dr. Michael Tilford
Announcements
8:45 – 9:45 AM Keynote Presentation:
Ron Morris, Director, Admissions Research and Training, at the National Research Center for College & University Admissions, Lee’s Summit, MO. He will present the keynote entitled: “Diverse Constituencies: How changing demographics impact our effort to attract, enroll and keep the students who are the future of our state.”

9:45 – 10:15 AM Break
10:15 – Noon Keynote Presentation:
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11:00 – 12:00 PM Session: Personal Stories
Steve Cisneros, Executive Director, Kansas Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission
Dr. Sue Warner, President, Haskell Indian Nations University
Roderick Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

This conference is named in memory of the late Dr. Michael Tilford, who passed away on November 6, 1996. Dr. Tilford was the WSU representative on the Regents Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee from its onset in 1994 until his death. In 1969, Dr. Tilford was one of 100 African-American educators from across the country who received Ford Foundation Grants for advanced graduate study. He received his doctorate from Oklahoma State University in 1970. Dr. Tilford also had a bachelor’s degree from Langston University in Mathematics / Chemistry and a master’s from Johns Hopkins University in Science Education. He was appointed Dean of the Graduate School of WSU in 1988 and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1994. Dr. Tilford chaired many organizations, and his committee work showed his commitment to the education of students traditionally underrepresented at the university level. In the 1970s he served on a committee that developed a successful proposal for the minority studies program. Also, he helped conduct a study of the institutional commitment to minorities at WSU. Dr. Michael Tilford was a beloved colleague and friend to all who knew him at WSU. He was a true presence on our campus and we miss him greatly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration
Please register for the conference online at http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conted&preconference by Friday, September 26. There is no registration fee to attend the conference, but pre-registration is required. Due to space limitations, registration is limited to faculty, administrators, and staff at Kansas Regents’ institutions.

Lodging
A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the following hotel for the night of October 2, 2008:
Courtyard by Marriott, 2975 N. Webb Rd., Wichita, KS. Rate: $85.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the Courtyard by calling (316) 636-4600.

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