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Abstract:

This project allowed attendance at the annual National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 13 – 17, 2014. While at the Congress attended training for Council on Accreditation for Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions accreditation visitors, a meeting of the quiz bowl committee (I am a member of the quiz bowl committee) and several continuing education sessions. Attendance allowed be to participate in several accreditation visits at other universities. Educational sessions provided inspiration and information used in continuous course improvement here on campus.

Restatement of problem researched, creative work, or professional enhancement opportunity:

Purpose of the project was to attend the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 13 – 17, 2014.

Objectives:

1. Renew my visitor credentials for academic accrediting body.
2. Attend quiz bowl committee meeting (I am a member).
3. Attend continuing education sessions.
4. Attend meeting of RHO PHI Lambda, Recreation and Park Association National Honor Society.

Brief review of the professional enhancement opportunity, creative work, or research procedure:

I attended the 2014 National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina. While there I participated in training to renew my knowledge of the accreditation process for recreation and park academic programs. I also attended educational programs and other meetings to update knowledge of current practices and trends for use in courses I teach at ATU.

Summary of findings, outcomes, or experiences:

I attended the NPRPA Congress from October 13-16, 2014 where I attended several educational and training sessions. Information gained has been valuable as an accreditation visitor and trainer. Information provided new insights and information for courses taught on the ATU campus.

Conclusion and recommendations:

Attendance at the Congress was a valuable experience. I recommend that ATU faculty receive support to attend this conference each year. This conference would also be a valuable experience for students.

Transcript from National Recreation and Park Association:

0/16/2014	Congress 2014	319-Grass Fields CAN Sustain More Use!!!	Charlotte, NC	0.10
10/16/2014	Congress 2014	326-We Welcome Everyone! (sort of)	Charlotte, NC	0.10
10/16/2014	Congress 2014	359-Shift Happens	Charlotte, NC	0.20
10/14/2014	Congress 2014	141-LRS: George Butler Lecture: Leisure Research for Social Impact	Charlotte, NC	0.10
10/14/2014	Congress 2014	106-COAPRT Visitor Training: The 2013 Standards	Charlotte, NC	0.30