

TO: All CCAS Faculty

FROM: Jean Folkerts  
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RE: Hewlett Project kickoff event

Ten days from now, on Friday, October 12, CCAS will host a very special event: Shirley Kenney, President of SUNY at Stony Brook, will present a talk titled "Reinventing Undergraduate Education: The New Agenda." The talk, followed by questions and discussion, will be from 10:00 to 11:30 or so in the new Media and Public Affairs Building, Room 309; light refreshments will be provided before the talk.

President Kenney chaired the Boyer Commission, which published in 1998, its controversial report: "Reinventing Undergraduate Education: A Blueprint for America's Research Universities." The report makes many very astute, challenging, and detailed suggestions directed toward improving the undergraduate experience at research universities, with the aim of exploiting resources and incorporating academic practices and expertise that are unavailable at non-research universities. The report is available on line at <http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Pres/boyer.nsf/>

President Kenney's talk is the kickoff event for the CCAS Hewlett Project, exploring the use of inquiry-based and problem-based pedagogy, and of our distinctive Washington location, in our undergraduate curriculum. Some months ago you received a letter from Lester Lefton urging you to join the project by developing a Hewlett course over this academic year and presenting it in the Fall 2002 semester. We are still seeking faculty, especially senior, research active faculty, to join our select group of "Hewlett Fellows." You can find out more about the project from the site: [www.gwu.edu/~oapa/hewlett.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~oapa/hewlett.htm)

I strongly urge you to attend President Kenney's talk. She is known to be a talented speaker and is addressing an issue that is central to our occupation and close to our hearts. And if she fires your enthusiasm as much as I hope she will, please contact one of the co-chairs of the Hewlett Steering Committee: Michael Moses ([moses@gwu.edu](mailto:moses@gwu.edu)) and Cheryl Beil ([cbeil@gwu.edu](mailto:cbeil@gwu.edu)).

Sincerely,  
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