

# \*\*\*Get to Know VCONNECTED\*\*\*

## 1. The VCONNECTED Plan for Student Engagement

The **Plan** includes increased involvement among students, faculty, and staff. It introduces new methods of collaboration in the classroom with faculty and peers!

## 2. WHAT is VCONNECTED ????????

**VCONNECTED** is a **program** to increase student engagement through:

- **Improved** communications between students, faculty, and staff
- **Collaboration** with faculty about coursework
- **Collaboration** with classmates on projects
- **Video and voice** components for internet and WebCt
- **Video conferences** for faculty and staff office hours, tutoring, and review sessions
- **I-pod** downloads of lectures
- **Software** application sharing

## 3. VCONNECTED is:

- The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) submitted to SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)
- Describes Vernon College's 5-year action plan for improvement
- A plan to improve student learning through increased engagement
- Transform curriculum and instruction
- Provide innovative professional development opportunities
- Create a technology-rich environment for instruction and student support services

#### 4. The VCONNECTED goal is:

- Establish increased student engagement to improve learning

#### 5. How will VCONNECTED meet this goal?

**T** – Transform curriculum and instruction

**P** – Provide innovative professional development opportunities

**C** – Create a technology-rich environment for instructional and student support services

#### 6. What are the expectations of VCONNECTED?

**P** – Participate in class activities

**C** – Collaborate with classmates, faculty, and staff

**I** – Interact with faculty and staff to enhance their learning experiences

## 7. The 5 benchmarks of VCONNECTED are:

- **ACTIVE** and **COLLABORATIVE** learning
- **STUDENT** effort
- **ACADEMIC** Challenge
- **STUDENT – FACULTY** Interaction
- **SUPPORT** for learners

## 8. How does Vernon College define Student Learning?

- **Changes** in student's knowledge, skills, behaviors, and/or values that may be attributable to the collegiate experience.

## 9. There are four VCONNECTED pilot projects:

- Dennis Taylor's **group** projects
- **Wimba** classes in Health Information Technology
- Math students answering questions using "**clickers**" during class
- English classes using **Wimba** technology