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