Dean’s Corner

Thankfully spring seems to have arrived in central Illinois. Though the days are still quite cool, there are signs everywhere that warmer weather is just around the corner. Work seems to be progressing as scheduled on the new Student Fitness/KNR Building and the life safety work in Turner Hall is on schedule too. Spring signals other traditions as well on our campus.

Every year at this time the Division of Academic Affairs hosts what is typically known as ‘budget presentations.’ Despite the uncertainty with the state budget (and therefore ours, too), this year will be no exception in Academic Affairs. The presentations are scheduled over two days, March 30th and 31st, beginning at 8:00 am in Room 118 of the ISU Alumni Center. The sessions provide a picture of major accomplishments in FY10 and priorities for the upcoming year. These hearings are open to the public and include question and answer sessions with each presenter. I have the honor and pleasure of presenting on behalf of CAST many fine accomplishments that have occurred within the College over the past year. In assembling many of these provided by your Chair or Director, it became affirming how extremely productive CAST faculty have become. I’m impressed with how CAST faculty have embraced our College vision and mission and use these as guideposts for all that is done in CAST.

The budget presentations are actually titled “FY 10 Consolidated Annual Report & FY11 Planning Document.” Contained within our report are accomplishments and productivity for fiscal year 2010, reallocations and reorganizations within the College, major objectives for next year (FY11), program enhancement requests, personnel requests, and facilities requests. The complete report will be posted for review at the Provost’s web page.

I encourage you to read the report and attend the presentations. Like me, you too will be impressed with the outstanding work that is done every day in the College. Let us celebrate our accomplishments, look forward to the future, and not let uncertainty dictate the future of CAST!

Jeff
Associate Dean McLoda

Scholarly Writing Workshop: “Writing for Publication”

A panel of current and former journal editors/reviewers will provide expertise on manuscript preparation. Panelists include Rob Rhykerd (AGR), Jim Jawahar (COB), Chris Merrill (TEC), Hae Jin Gam (FCS), Li Zeng (CFA), and Phil Parette (COE). The event is April 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Founder’s Suite of the Bone Student Center. This workshop is intended for new faculty members but others are welcome. The panelists will each discuss tips and procedures followed by a Q & A session. The session will conclude with a reception offering wine and hors d’oeuvres so that you will have an opportunity to interact informally with your colleagues and the panelists. To facilitate planning, please RSVP to Willy Hunter, Director of CeMaST by April 9.

Grant Writing Mentorship Program deadline is May 3rd.

The objective of this program is to facilitate the development of competitive external grant proposals by providing individualized mentorship and training to high-potential research faculty lacking experience in grant writing. The Grant-Writing mentorship program will pair an inexperienced faculty member (the mentee), with an interest in writing a major grant proposal, with a senior faculty member (the mentor) with demonstrated expertise and success in securing funding from the agency targeted by the mentee. Funding through this program is intended only for those grants or contracts to be submitted and administered through Research and Sponsored Programs. Also, the participant must serve as the “Principle Investigator” on the proposal submission. Full details and application are HERE.

Grant Submission Process Changes

For those of you who submitted external grants this year, you were given the choice between hard copy tracking and submission or you used the Cayuse 424 tracking and submission web-based system. The Cayuse system enhances the speed and overall efficiency of routing and approving grant submissions at each step, especially for federally sponsored programs. For private organizations and foundations, Cayuse still assists with the speed of routing on campus but there are extra steps involved with uploading grant application documents. Beginning late summer 2010, only the on-line tracking and submission process (Cayuse) will be available for externally funded grant applications. The Proposal Submission Form (formerly referred to as the “blue form”) will no longer be accepted or supported. There is a training process that must take place prior to faculty members establishing a grant application and routing distribution in the system. I encourage anyone who has not already been trained in Cayuse and who may be submitting a grant for external funding to become trained as soon as possible. Contact Janet Goucher in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to arrange for individual or small group training. In addition, I want to draw your attention to Cayuse policies established by RSP that became effective on March 1st. The policies are very specific to deadlines for grant submissions:

Cayuse Proposal Submission Policy

Effective 3/1/2010

- All lead-PIs must go through Cayuse training with a RSP staff member prior to using the system.
- All PIs must notify RSP of their submission plans before starting a proposal in Cayuse.
- Proposals must be fully routed and approved and in RSP’s queue for approval a minimum of three business days before the grant agency submission deadline.
- It is the PI’s responsibility to make sure the proposal is moving through the routing chain in a timely manner. It is not RSP’s responsibility to monitor the routing chain approval process. RSP will provide assistance to correct a problem if requested by the PI.
- If the proposal does not complete the routing process until the deadline date, RSP cannot guarantee the proposal will be reviewed before submission. If the proposal has all the required approvals, RSP will submit the proposal without review but assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the proposal.
- Proposals that have not completed the routing process and received all the required approvals will not be submitted.
- It is the PIs responsibility to work with the RSP staff member in order to submit a proposal on the deadline day. Staff members are not obligated to stay after 4:30 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with this grant submission policy. Questions pertaining to the policy may be directed to me or to RSP.

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Senior Associate Dean Lacy

I certainly hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and is ready for the stretch run of the spring semester. We have enjoyed some improved weather so we can start looking forward to spring. With the anticipation of spring, we are all looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor activities that do not involve snow. With that in mind, mark your calendar for the Celebrate CAST Golf Scramble on Friday, May 14, 2010.

The purpose of this event is to celebrate the end of the academic year, socialize with CAST colleagues, alumni, and friends of the college, enjoy an affordable golf scramble, and raise money for student scholarships. For those of you not familiar with a golf scramble, in this format everyone in your group hits and then your group proceeds to the best shot. You continue to follow this format until you get the ball in the hole. Your score is a team score. This means if you hit a poor shot, it usually does not count and you just go pick it up and move to the best positioned shot. It is an enjoyable format that allows golfers of all levels to play and have fun. Even if you are not a golfer, you can volunteer to help out with the event or just come out and socialize.

Each department and school in CAST has a representative on the 2010 Celebrate CAST Golf Scramble committee. Members of this committee this year are:

- AGR – Randy Winter
- ITK – Tal Parmenter
- KNR – Brent Beggs
- MSC – Adrian Pittman
- HSC – Paul Ronczkowski
- CAST – Cindy Greskiwcz
- FCS – Keri Edwards
- CAST – Lori Woeste
- CAST – Alan Lacy

Planning is underway for the event this year. The event will start with a 8:00 a.m. check-in, breakfast pastries and beverages, and a 8:30 p.m. start. Lunch and awards will follow the round of golf. It is wonderful opportunity for departments and schools to invite friends and alumni back to campus. Each academic unit in CAST has different spheres of influence in the community, and this enables us to solicit a wide array of individuals and businesses as sponsors for our event. If you have ideas for sponsors and/or donations that can be used for door prizes, let your representative know. We certainly appreciate these individuals for agreeing to serve on this committee. As planning proceeds, more details will follow about the golf scramble this year. For now, mark it on your calendar – Friday, May 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the ISU Golf Course – and plan to participate.

AL
Assistant Dean Woeste

With the popping up of flowers, budding of trees, and students donning of flip flops, Spring just might be here? In this issue Associate Dean Lacy reminds you of the Celebrate CAST Golf outing in May so I wanted to provide you with the April “showering” of CAST events if you will, prior to our meeting in Redbird Arena in regalia!

SAVE the dates and See you there…LW

Department of Agriculture

Undergraduate students Will Fombelle, Ashley Mau, Raymond Graham, and Katie Birr competed in the Academic Quadrathlon competition at the Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science meetings held in Des Moines, IA March 15-17th.

M.S. student Andrea Hanson presented the abstract “Water Nipple Placement, Posture, and Directionality of Gestating Sows in Turnaround Stalls” at the Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science meetings held in Des Moines, IA March 15-17th.

Drs. Paul Walker and Jonathan Holt were co-authors of the abstract.

M.S. student Jason Carmack presented the abstract “Comparison of Finishing Diets for Steers Containing 25%, 40%, or 70% Wet Distillers Grains” at Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science meetings held in Des Moines, IA March 15-17th. Dr. Paul Walker was a co-author of the abstract.

Dr. Randy Winter attended the 2010 Wind Siting, Zoning and Taxation Conference in Peoria on Feb. 24 and the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative Annual Meeting in Indianapolis on March 1 & 2.

Highlights from graduate student Sophie Theron’s M.S. thesis “Public Beliefs and Attitudes Concerning Wind Farms in Central Illinois” were distributed at the 2010 Wind Siting, Zoning and Taxation Conference held in Peoria on February 24.
Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Presenters at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, which was hosted in San Diego, California in March 2010.

Dr. Michael Gizzi, John Reece, Mesa State College, and Jennifer Sheetz, 21st Colorado Judicial District Attorney’s Office presented “Arizona v. Gant, Search Incident to Arrest, and Its Impact on Drug Interdiction”

Dr. Michael Gizzi and William Wilkerson, SUNY College at Oneota presented “Rehnquist, Crime Control, and the Fourth Amendment: An Analysis of His Search and Seizure Jurisprudence”

Dr. Sesha Kethineni presented “Redeploy Illinois Program: The Impact on Juveniles, Families, and the Juvenile Justice System”

Dr. Jessie L. Krienert and Kevin Matthews presented “Child homicide: A Comparison of Offenses Committed by Parents, Acquaintances, and Strangers in a National Sample”

Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp, Dr. Ed Wells, and Susan Woollen presented “Assessing Autonomous Learning in the Online Classroom”

Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp presented “Exploring Police Departmental Policies Regarding Officer Safety During Pregnancy”

Dr. Jeffrey Walsh and Dr. Jessie L. Krienert presented “Analysis of Officially Reported Child Abduction Incidents, 1995 – 2005”

Publications


Dr. Sesha Kethineni & Gail Humiston. (2010). “Comparative and International Policing, Justice, and Transnational Crime: Specific Crimes Against Humanity”


Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Barb Gallick, FCS and Child Care Center, presented a parent training workshop on Developing Positive Self-Esteem at Kids Club East in Bloomington, IL on March 25, 2010.

Drs. Hae Jin Gam and Yoon Jin Ma participated in the “Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) through Math, Science, and Technology Conference on March 20, 2010”. Their workshop was titled “What’s on the Label? What your clothes tell You”
Department of Health Sciences


Department of Technology

Dr. Dan Wilson is now a columnist for American Printer Magazine, the most widely read trade journal in the graphic communications industry. Dr. Wilson will write a monthly column entitled “Education in Action” to serve as a conduit between the graphic communications education community and the industry it serves.

Dr. Ken Stier served on a judging team along with two people representing Caterpillar, Inc., for a Rube Goldberg competition for the Peoria area 2009-2010 Student Outreach Program at the Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Facility in Edwards, Illinois on Saturday, March 6th.

Dr. Lou Reifschneider was elected to the board of the Society of Plastics Engineers Environmental Division. This technical division is a nationwide group focused upon the issues of reclamation of plastic materials, bioplastics, and the sustainable use of plastics in packaging and consumer goods.

Dr. Lezah Brown, Dr. Chris Grieshaber and Mr. Paul Ronczkowski were in attendance.

The School of Information Technology will be holding brown bag sessions this spring semester. These sessions are opportunities to hold an informal discussion on issues related to the School or research. Beverages will be provided, but you are responsible for bringing your own lunch. The time and place of the brown bag lunch sessions is 11:30am-1:00pm in the OU 2010. Following are the planned topics:

- **March 19** - Dr. Tibor Gyires “Managing Graduate Projects and Theses”
- **March 26** - Dr. Glen Sagers “Issues in Student Recruitment and Retention”
- **April 23** - Dr. Amit Shesh “Faculty Research Collaboration”

Dr. Hosack, Dr. Califf, Dr. Shesh and Tal volunteered for T.E.C.H Kids – “Technology Enabled Community Helping Kids” a program for economically weak/disadvantaged youth at the Resource Center/computer lab located at Holton Homes in Bloomington. The Resource center focuses on using technology to help make learning easier and more fun for kids.

Dr. James R. Wolf Jr. has been selected to receive a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship to Hungary. The principle purpose of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of more than 150 countries that currently participate in the Fulbright Program.

Dr. Chad McEvoy was a speaker at the Big Ten Conference athletic marketing professional development seminar on March 9 in Chicago. Dr. McEvoy presented on building successful relationships between intercollegiate athletic departments and Sport Management academic programs.


Dr. Kevin Laudner presented on “Myofascial Release” at the 2010 Great Lakes Athletic Trainers’ Association Winter Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Detroit, MI.

Dr. Brent Beggs co-authored the 2nd edition of Mastering the Job Search Process in Recreation and Leisure Services which was published by Jones and Bartlett Publishing.

Drs. Brent Beggs and Amy Hurd published the article Internships Bring the Classroom to Life in the February 2010 publication of Parks and Recreation.

Dr. Dan Elkins presented “Out-of-Class Involvement and Student’s Sense of Campus Community” at the American College Personnel Association Annual Conference in Boston, MA in March 2010.

Dr. Amy Hurd and graduate student Tracy Buschbom published Competency development for chief executive officers in YMCAs in Managing Leisure.