CAST: Preparation for a lifetime of success. This marketing sound bite describes our College. Recently our College community entered a dialogue about a revised mission and vision. All faculty and staff were invited to participate in the electronic discussion using blackboard. Many of you offered opinions and suggestions for rewriting the mission and vision statements that best describe us now, and what our aspirations are for the future.

After some additional dialogue, the Strategic Issues and Planning Committee will make recommendations to the entire CAST Council for accepting a revised mission and vision statement. Should the CAST Council decide to ratify newly crafted statements, work will then begin on developing College goals and subsequent to that, a set of strategies for meeting these goals. With these strategies then in hand, those responsible for meeting College goals may be identified. Meetings will be held at which you will be invited to participate in the discussions about our College strategic plan.

It is an important time to be engaged in this exercise. It is important because we haven’t come together as a College in over 15 years to participate in an activity that causes us to look ahead and plan our collective future. We find ourselves at a critical juncture in the College. It is a time of tremendous opportunity yet also a time for great change. We can use this momentous occasion to help define the future of the College by creating a planning document that will be useful to us as we define ourselves for several different external and internal constituencies. The time has come for thoughtful planning and looking forward. I am inviting each of you to be part of the future in CAST by joining the dialogue about our strategic plan.

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There have been several noteworthy changes in preparing for summer school 2008. First, the Provost’s office asked that summer schedules be turned in before the end of September. We were also informed about our summer budget early this year as well. The logic behind this is sound. By having summer funding and schedules in place prior to advance registration for the 2008 spring term, academic advisors are able to not only plan the spring schedule but apprise the student of summer options in their discussions. With budgets in place, students can count on these courses being offered. We are committed to doing everything that is feasible not to cancel summer classes.

Secondly, the university is doing a good job of marketing summer school. Visit http://www.summersession.ilstu.edu/ to see the summer school website. The Provost’s Office has taken leadership of advertising all summer classes. Individual departments and colleges can complement these university efforts with more targeted marketing of classes to students.

Finally, another change is the increased number of summer offerings that are being delivered online. Students no longer have to stay in Normal or give up working or traveling to make progress on a degree in the summer. While not all courses are appropriate or desirable to be offered online, the content of many courses can be delivered very effectively in this format. The Department of Health Sciences has been the forerunner of this trend, and now every academic department and school in CAST is offering at least two online courses. The Technology Enriched Active Learning (TEAL) project sponsored by CAST is in its second year and has contributed to these increased online classes. Below is a listing of many of the online courses being offered by CAST units this summer:

- AGR 201, 203
- CJS 102, 339
- FCS 200, 208
- HSC 105 (3 sections), 156 (2 sections), 170, 208 (2 sections), 272, 390
- ITK 150, 254, 375-375.05, 377-377.05
- KNR 254, 257
- TEC 270, 275, 329, 348.04, 370, 422

It is hoped that these offerings will help more students take summer classes and make progress to their degrees. While we are just now enjoying fall, it is good we are already thinking about summer.

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CAST Research Office

Deadline Extended
The deadline for submitting nominations/applications for the CAST Outstanding Research Award has been extended to Wednesday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m. Guidelines for this award can be found online at http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/awards/researchawards.shtml#outstandingresearcher.

The 2007-2008 CAST Outstanding Researcher will receive $500 from the Graduate School and will become eligible for current and future University Researcher Award nominations.

The winner will be expected to give a research related presentation to CAST faculty at the 2008 Spring CAST Faculty Meeting.

URG Workshop
The College Research Committee is going to host an annual University Research Grant Proposal Workshop on Wednesday, December 5 from noon to 1:15 p.m. The workshop will be held in the CAST Dean’s Office conference room, Turner 139. While beverages and dessert will be provided, attendees can bring a sack lunch, if they like. Tips for writing and submitting a URG proposal will be the focus. Members of the CAST Research Committee will be on hand to answer questions. The due date for FY09 URG proposals is February 4, 2008. Guidelines will be posted online soon. Until then, interested investigators can look over FY08 guidelines as this year’s guidelines are identical except for changes in dates.

News from University Research and Sponsored Programs Office
The RSPO has purchased a Mac computer so that Mac users can more easily and conveniently submit their federal grant proposals through grants.gov.

The RSPO would also like to assess faculty researchers’ interest in trying to formalize post doc fellowship opportunities on this campus. If you are a researcher who would like to attract and utilize post doc fellows for future research projects, please contact Scott Sakaluk, Director of RSPO. He would like to learn of various researchers’ needs, expectations, etc. regarding this issue. He may be reached at sksakal@ilstu.edu or 438-2161.

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Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Ralph Weisheit was awarded a one-year grant to study methamphetamine users in three Illinois Counties. The grant is awarded through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and will allow Dr. Weisheit to continue his research on methamphetamine-related issues.

Dr. Ralph Weisheit gave a presentation entitled "Methamphetamine: Physiological Effects and the Implications for Children" to the Illinois Statewide Collaborative Early Childhood Conference in Springfield, Illinois on October 18.

Dr. Ling Ren co-authored with Drs. Jihong Zhao (Sam Houston State University) and Quint Thurman (Texas State University) on the article entitled, "An examination of strategic planning in American law enforcement agencies: A national study". It is to appear in Police Quarterly.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Hae Jin Gam gave a presentation on AutoCAD and Adobe programs used in Apparel Merchandising and Design at the Millennium Girls Conference that was held on October 13, 2007 in Bloomington, Illinois.

Dr. Yoon Jin Ma gave a presentation on textile testing at the Millennium Girls Conference that was held on October 13, 2007 in Bloomington, Illinois.
Dr. Sandra Klitzing attended the National Recreation and Park Association annual conference in Indianapolis from September 25 to September 28, 2007. While at the conference she presented a poster entitled: "Therapeutic Recreation in a Transitional Shelter." This poster described a conceptual therapeutic recreation program for women who are homeless and live in a transitional shelter. The program was a theory-based program that was also guided by therapeutic recreation practice models.

Dr. Amy Hurd gave two presentations at the National Recreation and Park Association annual conference in Indianapolis. They were entitled: Research to Practice: Let’s Talk Healthy Lifestyles and Raising the Professionalism of Your Internship Program.

Dr. David Thomas co-authored with Dr. Bruce Etnyre (Rice University) a publication in the journal Physical Therapy entitled, “Event Standardization of Sit-to-Stand Movements”. It appears on-line now (www.ptjournal.org) and will appear in hardcopy in the Dec. 2007, Vol. 87, No. 12 issue.

Dr. Kevin Laudner was interviewed for the October 18 issue of the Chicago Tribune, the October 11 issue of the Morton Grove Champion, and for a segment on the WJBC (AM 1230) radio show “Sports Talk” discussing the methods and results of a study he conducted regarding the safety of non-wood vs. wood bats in high school baseball.

Dr. Deb Garrahy and Kathy O’Connell (Adapted Physical Education Teacher, Unit 5) presented at the annual Rural Champaign County Special Education Conference. Their session focused on the role of adapted physical education in the school curriculum.


Drs. Dan Elkins, Brent Beggs, and Ms. Erica Chouka had a manuscript entitled “The contribution of constraint negotiation to the leisure satisfaction of college students in campus recreational sports” published in Recreational Sports Journal.

The Illinois State University Technology Education Collegiate Association (TECA) competed at the TECA Midwest Regional October 19-20 in Peoria, Illinois against other technology education universities in the Midwest. The ISU-TECA team earned first place awards in the teaching lesson and communications contests, second place finishes in the technology challenge, manufacturing, and transportation contests, and a third place finish in the problem solving contest.

The College of Applied Science and Technology, through its teaching, research, and service programs, will be a leader in preparing broadly educated, technologically competent professionals who can solve real-world problems in a workforce that builds economic viability and better communities in the State of Illinois and beyond.