Dean’s Corner

A major method of benchmarking professional programs in the College is through program accreditation sponsored by a variety of professional and academic associations. Currently the College is in the middle of receiving two program accreditation visitation teams. One, a single visitor from the National Recreation and Park Association—American Association for Recreation and Leisure, reviewed the program in Recreation and Park Administration located in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Dr. Karla Henderson, Chair of the Curriculum in Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, visited our campus this week.

On March 4-9, 2000 the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences accreditation site visitors from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and the American Dietetic Association (ADA) were on campus to review the Department for re-accreditation of the B.S./B.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences. ADA was here to review the undergraduate program in dietetics and the graduate dietetic internship. This was the first joint site visit at any institution by AAFCS and ADA and one of the first joint undergraduate/dietetic internship site visits by ADA. The Department was selected for these two significant events because of the longevity and strength of its programs. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Illinois State University is one of two AAFCS-accredited programs in Illinois and one of only 55 nation-wide to meet the standards of accreditation set forth by this organization.

I heard from Dr. Sally White this week. She was a member of the faculty in HPER and served as Assistant Dean for a couple of years. Sally is leaving higher education and has accepted a position as Senior Consultant with RWD Technologies in Columbia, MD in their Internet Technologies and Systems Integration Division. I am certain she will apply her considerable energy in a most productive way to her new position. We wish her well.

The Administrative Affairs Committee of the University Senate recently announced that the Service Initiative Award was awarded to Dr. David Thomas of HPER and the Outstanding University Service Award was awarded to Dr. Paul Walker of Agriculture. Please join me in congratulating these two faculty members and in thanking them for the service they have provided.

The College Faculty Status Committee 2001 Standards for Appointment, Salary, Promotion and Tenure was approved on March 3, 2000 by the College DFSCs with a vote of 7 yes, and 0 no.

I hope everyone has a relaxing Spring Break. More later…..

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CAST Research Office

The University Grant Writing Workshop is scheduled for the mornings of May 15, 16, 17, & 18 (the week between spring semester and the start of the summer session). Attendees can be from any college in the university. The workshop is sponsored by the University Research Office, but jointly planned by the college research coordinators. The location for the workshop, as it stands now, is Stevenson 401A. A three-page description of the agenda for the workshop, along with an application form, will be forwarded to members of the CAST listserv via e-mail attachment. If curious, convert the attachment and scan the offerings. Consult your department chairperson, representative to the College Research Committee, and/or research mentor regarding your interest in attending and with any questions you might have. As a side note, each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of the book, *Getting Funded: A Complete Guide to Proposal Writing*, by Mary Hall. If you conclude this experience would be of benefit to you, complete the application and submit it to Assistant Dean Gentry on, or before, April 7th. There is no cost associated with attending this continuing education opportunity.

The workshop held February 29, related to large poster creation for research poster sessions at conferences, was most successful. Tim Kelley worked with workshop presenter, Brian Braye, to develop a sample for purposes of demonstration. Contact Tim if you would like to take a look at his final product as well as hear how easily it was developed. Brian indicated that he and his colleagues are likely to offer similar workshops in the future, especially now that this first effort has gone so well.

Do keep Friday, April 7th in mind for another reason besides the due date for May Grant Writing Workshop applications. That Friday is also the date for the workshop on Qualitative Research Methods to be conducted by Dr. Barbara Heyl, Sociology. If you were wanting to attend, but haven’t registered yet, contact Jeri Ryburn in the CAST Dean’s Office to do so. Call 438-7602. Bring a general interest in this research approach, or specific questions about a given project you are planning or implementing.

Department Highlights:

Criminal Justice Sciences

On February 15, Dr. Ralph Weisheit visited the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. He presented the findings of research on rural police, which he has been conducting for the Center.
Family and Consumer Sciences


"From Foster Care to Fostering Care: The Need for Community," authored by Martha Bauman Power and Brenda Krause Eheart was published in The Sociological Quarterly, 41, (2), Winter 2000.

Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Dr. Barbara E. Schlatter and Ms. Nancy J. Niebur gave professional presentations at the annual Illinois Parks and Recreation state conference. Dr. Schlatter’s presentation was titled, “No More Duck-Duck Goose.” Ms. Niebur’s presentation was titled, “Success Through Words.” The conference was held in Chicago on January 14-16.

Students who won awards and were recognized at the conference included: Rachel Voss, Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Society scholarship winner; Jenni Weinstein and Kara Harris, Illinois Park and Recreation Association scholarship winners; Nick Sepke and Nicole Whiting, Suburban Parks and Recreation Association scholarship winners; and Olivia Rogers, outgoing president of the Student Section of Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

Industrial Technology

Dr. Rodney L. Custer recently conducted a program review of the School of Technology at Brigham Young University. The review is a key component of the University's internal quality review process.

Dr. Hank Campbell presented, "Who is Killing the Great Quality Managers? A Search for Q2K," at the annual national Quality Management Conference held in San Francisco, CA, February 9-11. He also attended a workshop on Six Sigma Quality held before the conference.

Dr. Ken Stier participated in a Manufacturing Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City, on February 25, that was hosted by the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Department at Brigham Young University. Key people from each of the Research I and II and Doctoral I and II Universities (by the Carnegie classification) that have Manufacturing Engineering Technology, or similar programs, were invited. Representatives from selected accreditation agencies, professional organizations, and publishing companies were also invited. The overall goal of the conference was to establish a peer group to strengthen manufacturing technology programs at research and doctorate granting universities.
Dr. Ken Stier’s refereed journal article entitled, "Engaging Students in Service Learning Teaching Methodology," was published in the March issue, electronic version, of The Technology Teacher.

Editor’s Notes:

The next deadline for NewsCAST items is Friday, March 17, 2000. Please let your NewsCAST reporter know if you have anything to contribute to our newsletter.

Important Dates

March 23rd  New faculty workshop on scholarly writing for journals
March 30  Undergraduate Student Research Symposium, Ballroom, BSC
March 31st  Deadline for CAST Presentation Travel Program applications.  See http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/travel.htm
March 31st  Deadline for abstracts to Graduate School Office for Graduate Student Research Symposium.  See http://www.grad.ilstu.edu/grad/menus/research.htm
April 7th  Afternoon workshop on qualitative research methods, etc.  Call 438-7602 to register on or before April 3rd.
April 7th  Deadline for University Grant Writing Workshop application to be sent to Dr. Gentry
April 28  Graduate Student Research Symposium, Ballroom, BSC
May 15-18  URO sponsored Grant Writing Workshop, mornings. Applications will be out soon.

Sometime during the semester, a possible workshop on End Note software program use may be planned and delivered.