Dean’s Corner

This has been a busy two weeks in the Dean’s Office so I will be sharing with you a potpourri of projects we worked on during this period.

Bereavement

We have all been saddened by the passing of three students in CAST this fall semester. This is the most tragedy ISU has ever experienced in this amount of time. Student visits to the University’s counseling service have increased greatly during this period. These events have also stressed our faculty. We all need to be sensitive to the stress caused by these events.

Many of us attended the Memorial Service this week for Olamide Adeyooye. Almost all of her colleague senior students in Clinical Laboratory Science returned from their internship locations to attend the service. The faculty in Clinical Laboratory Science recommended that the University posthumously confer a B.S. Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science returned from Olamide’s family at our winter commencement.

Science and Technology Week.

We received confirmation this week that Dr. Sylvia Nasar, author of “A Beautiful Mind”, will deliver the Keynote Address for our 2006 Science and Technology Week. The CAST Council is planning a few changes for this year’s Keynote. Plans are underway to screen the movie, “A Beautiful Mind”, at the Normal Theater prior to Dr. Nasar delivering her address there. One other change is that the Keynote Address has been moved to Wednesday evening, April 19, 2006. So, please mark your calendars now.

McCormick Hall

The ceiling renovation project at McCormick Hall is complete and the faculty who had to relocate from the facility just before the beginning of classes will be able to move back during Thanksgiving week. These folks have been real troopers during this period and continued to get the job done under extenuating circumstances. One reward is that their renovated offices look great.

Caterpillar Integrated Manufacturing Laboratory

Renovation work on the CIML laboratory in Turner Hall is complete and we have taken possession of the lab. We will need to wait until the next fiscal year to receive the final increment of Caterpillar’s grant to us which will enable us to purchase the equipment for the lab. Currently, we are developing a prototype of the equipment that will eventually be in the lab. One very nice feature in the lab, that I think we need more of, is a viewing window in the hallway that enables one to see what is going on in the lab. There is too much wonderment among students about what actually goes on in some of our programs. The viewing window allows students to see what actually happens in our Integrated Manufacturing Systems program.

More later…..

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CAST Research Office

Principal Investigator Guidelines

The University Research and Sponsored Programs Office has this to say about principal investigators and their responsibilities: “A principal investigator or co-principal investigator is an individual designated by the University and approved by the sponsoring agency to direct a project funded by an external sponsor. Principal investigators are responsible for conducting their projects in accordance with the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency and the policies of the University, including providing the proper stewardship of sponsored funds, submitting technical reports and deliverables, and properly disclosing all inventions to the Associate Vice President of Research, in accordance with federal policy or contractual terms. The chair and dean (or appropriate director) of the relevant unit must approve each proposal for an externally sponsored program by signing the Proposal Submission form, and, by doing so, are indicating their approval for the PI to undertake the project. If awarded, the internal “Agreement for Externally Funded Projects” must be signed by the lead PI, all co-PIs, and the fiscal agent (if different).

Lead Principal Investigators (PIs) of externally funded projects are normally required to be full-time continuing faculty or staff members. In certain instances, upon justification and approval of the relevant chair, dean, or director, it may be appropriate for a non-continuous faculty or/and staff person, or emeritus faculty, to be the lead principal investigator on a project. Approval must be granted at both the submission stage, by signing the Proposal Submission form, and at the award stage, through signatures on the Research and Sponsored Programs “Agreement for Externally Funded Projects”.

Generally, graduate students, postdocs, and visiting faculty do not serve as lead principal investigators on an externally funded project, but may be listed as a co-principal investigator with approval of the relevant dean, chair, or director” (see http://www.rsp.ilstu.edu/grant_contract/pi_policy.shtml).

Important Dates & Deadlines:

- URG Workshop Wednesday, November 9 11:00 a.m. - Noon Turner 104A (Contact Deborah Gentry, CAST Dean’s Office, if you plan to come, dgentry@ilstu.edu or at 438-8748)
- Thanksgiving Break November 21-25, 2005
- CAST Holiday Luncheon Tuesday, December 13 BSC Ballroom, 11:30-1:00
Dr. Ralph Weisheit attended the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in Jacksonville, Florida, from September 27 through October 1. He presented a paper entitled, "Methodological Issues in the Study of Methamphetamine."

Dr. Weisheit has also been invited to join the Illinois Research Advisory Council on Crime and Justice which regularly meets to identify critical issues and trends facing the criminal justice community in Illinois.

Dr. Weisheit was interviewed on the Farm Bureau radio network on October 28 and again on November 1 regarding rural crime and methamphetamine production and use in Illinois.

Dr. Maria Canabal attended the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (IAFCS) Annual Conference, Sizing Up Illinois, in Springfield, Illinois October 28-29, 2005. Dr. Canabal organized and secured funding for a one-day consumer up date session co-sponsored by the DSEF. The session consisted of a panel discussion on “Work & Family”. Panel participants included Doris Christopher, Founder and Chairman of The Pampered Chef, Ltd; Eunice Dudley, CFO of Dudley Products, Inc.; Carl Christopher, Vice President of Marketing, The HomeMaker’s Idea Co. In the afternoon of the 28th, Rolando Berrelez, Assistant Director Midwest Region of the Federal Trade Commission spoke on “Identity Theft & E-Commerce”. “The Future of Social Security” was addressed by Ralph Yaniz, State Director of AARP Illinois. Dr. Robert Mayer, University of Utah, concluded the day with a session on “The International Marketplace: A Consumer Perspective”.

Dr. Maria Canabal attended the International Congress of the World Federation of Direct Selling Association in her capacity as Board member of the Direct Selling Association Foundation (DSEF). The Congress was held in London, England on October 18 to 22, 2005.

Dr. Jean Memken authored a book chapter that has been included in a new textbook entitled "Introduction to Housing" published by Prentice Hall. Co-author of the chapter was former graduate student and licensed interior designer Starr Gobtop.

The students from Dr. Jean Memken's Practical Problem Solving class presented the results of their original research projects at the annual conference of the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The conference took place on October 28-29 in Springfield, Illinois.

The American School Health Association (ASHA) honored Millie Shepich (a 1986 graduate of the Health Education program) as the Outstanding School Health Educator of the Year at its annual conference in Burbank, California, on October 19, 2005. Dr. Marion Micke represented the HED program during the presentation, and she also represented the Illinois School Health Association at the ASHA conference.


Dr. Mark Temple was elected to Fellow status at the American School Health Association Annual Meeting October 19 - 23, 2005 in Burbank, California. He also received a Distinguished Service Award from Eta Sigma Gamma, Health Education Honoray.

Dr. Sara Cole organized the National Health Education Week workshop entitled “Healthy Choices: Family Life Education”, which was on October 20, 2005 in the Founder’s Suite. This was a four-credit, continuing education, multi-site event sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (ISOPHE). Dr. Cole also co-presented with Bob and Susan Ryder at a session on “Addressing the tough topics: GLBTQ youth needs, risks and resources.” In addition, Dr. Jim Broadbear received the Donald B. Stone Award for service to ISOPHE during the lunch meeting of the event.

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) sponsored The Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night (TBTN) on October 24, 2005 to promote awareness regarding the elimination of violence against men, women and children, especially domestic violence and rape. This year’s TBTN was co-sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan University’s FMLA, other student groups, campus services, and various community agencies. Scott Koscielak, a Community Health Education major, was a featured speaker at the event. Dr. Sara Cole is a faculty co-sponsor of ISU’s FMLA.

Six students majoring in environmental health or safety accompanied Dr. George Byrns on a field trip to the Caterpillar assembly plant in Decatur on October 28, 2005. The trip was sponsored by the ISU Student Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), and the cost of the van was paid for by the Prairie Section of the AIHA.

Dr. Frank Waterstraat attended the 2nd Annual Bioterrorism Curriculum Development and Continuing Education grant meeting held in Rockville, Maryland on October 20 and 21. The focus of the meeting was to showcase the efforts of previous grant awardees and have them network with new award winners. Illinois State’s grant will focus on developing bioterrorism curricula for allied health programs in Illinois community colleges.
DEPARTMENT  OF TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Richard Boser, Dr. Bo Park, and six Construction Management students attended the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) regional conference and student competitions in Downers Grove, Illinois from October 26 – 29, 2005. Dr. Park was the coach of the ISU Construction Management student competition team that finished fourth out of 10 teams from the Great Lakes region.

School of Information Technology

Dr. Robert Zant published a paper entitled, "Hands-on Prototyping in System Analysis and Design" in Issues in Information Systems. He also presented the paper on October 7, 2005 at the annual meeting of the International Association for Computer Information Systems in Atlanta, Georgia.

Drs. Terry Dennis, Matthew Kuofie, and Winn Mahatanankoon received two PhD candidates and four professors from the University of Marasarakham, Thailand on October 24. Dr. George of the College of Education, ISU, accompanied them to ITK. Dr. Dennis showered the visitors with gifts and took their pictures. We reviewed the two PhD candidate’s dissertation proposals; the proposals are related to "knowledge management," an area Dr. Kuofie is an expert. The two PhD students visited Dr. Kuofie's undergraduate database section 1 and masters research methods classes on October 25. They were happy to learn that each of the students in Research Methods is writing two research papers; one to a conference and the other to a journal of choice. The two were thrilled to be involved in interactive "facilitation" type teaching; they plan to adopt this method in Thailand. Dr. Kuofie has accepted an invitation to visit and to offer additional help at the University in Thailand in July 2006.

School of Kinesiology and Recreation

Dr. Amy Hurd presented a paper entitled “Competency development for entry level public park and recreation professionals” at the National Recreation & Park Association Conference.

Drs. Dan Elkins and Brent Beggs presented “Levels of perceived constraint; A comparison of negotiation strategies in campus recreational sports” as part of the Leisure Research Symposium at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Steve McCaw served as the Fall 2005 Scholar-Lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on October 17-20. He led a graduate seminar entitled "Implications of Landing Impacts", gave an undergraduate lecture on applied biomechanics titled "Momentum is Motion", and presented the scholar-lecture titled "Biomechanics of one-leg landings".

Dr. Sandra Klitzing attended the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas. She presented on "Best Practices in Inclusion" at the Research Roundtable.

Department of Technology

Dr. Chris Merrill was an invited speaker at the 52nd Annual University of Wisconsin-Stout Technology Education Conference, where he presented "Engineering at the High School Level: Are You Serious?"

The Technology Education Collegiate Association (TECA) competed against six Midwestern universities at the Illinois Technology Education Conference and earned three first place finishes out of a total of six events.

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