WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

I would like to call the spring meeting of the College of Applied Science and Technology to order. Good afternoon. I am delighted to welcome each of you to the spring 2007 ALL CAST meeting.

As we bring the spring semester to a close I appreciate each of you taking time today for this meeting because I know how busy you are preparing exams and putting the finishing touches on your projects for the year.

With today’s meeting we are starting ‘Celebrate CAST’, year long recognition of the 40th anniversary of the College founding. The banners you see are an effort to create a brand mark for the College. Alone, they can be used at various events each of you may sponsor within your departments or schools. Together, these represent the entire College, where the banners combined represent something special and unique known as ‘CAST.’

Today we will celebrate many accomplishments of our colleagues and finish with a report from me about the State of the College. And, my thanks and congratulations to the entire College for putting your best foot forward this week. This year’s Science and Technology Week has been extraordinary. Special thanks to Dr. Marilyn Morrow for working overtime to make things happen. Thanks Marilyn.

Before we begin I would like to acknowledge two students, both from KNR. Would you please join me in congratulating two of ISU’s newest Bone Scholars, Jordan Macy (Exercise Science) and Keith Wojewnik (PETE). Jordan and Keith would you please stand and be recognized? As you know this is the highest student distinction that is bestowed upon a student at ISU and we are extremely proud of your accomplishments.

LARRY R. MILLER Scholarship Award

It is fitting that we begin our meeting with a presentation to a student.

Elizabeth “Liza” Woolsey is a senior in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program in the Department of Health Sciences. She will graduate next month as the program scholar and will enter graduate school in the fall with the expectation of entering the field of public health.

Liza was highly recommended for this award by all three faculty members from the CLS program, each one praising not only her outstanding academic record, but her kindness, dedication, initiative and willingness to serve.
Liza became president of the student chapter of Clinical Laboratory Science Society in August of 2005, is a student associate member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, an honors fraternity, and serves on the Student Health Advisory Board. She participates in the Honors Program, Senior Professionals Mentoring program, and the ISU Chapter of Red Tassel Mortar Board, as well as many community service activities including the Walk for Diabetes and Campus Relay for Life.

Liza is completing her CLS professional practice at OSF-St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois; a very competitive program that takes professional practice students from several colleges and universities across the state. She earned one of the six positions offered for this program.

One of Liza’s professors wrote “Ms. Woolsey is an honest, mature and hard-working pre-professional; I await the positive impact and contributions she will make to our field of clinical laboratory science and her continued support of Illinois State University as a valued alumnus.”

Congratulations, Liza Woolsey, the Larry R. Miller Scholarship winner for 2006-2007. Liza could not be here today. She is participating in a student bowl competition with her classmates at St. Francis at the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science convention. Accepting her award today is her mother, Mrs. Pamela Neuhaus.

CAST ASSOCIATES AWARD

As wonderful as our faculty and students are, we could not achieve all that we do without the help and support of individuals from outside the University. There are many friends of CAST who help us place and supervise our students, serve on our advisory councils, and donate resources to us.

Each year we recognize individuals whose contributions have been significant and sustained over time. This year we will recognize an individual who has been a friend of CAST for many years.

This year’s recipient of the CAST ASSOCIATES AWARD is Mr. Jeffrey Hill.

Mr. Jeffrey Hill was nominated by Dr. Ken Stier of the Department of Technology for the CAST Associates Award. They met through the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) organization in 1987, and Jeff has been a strong supporter of the students in the Integrated Manufacturing Systems program ever since.

While Jeff served as the regional officer in the SME professional organization he was instrumental in providing opportunities for our students to attend and participate in the chapter officer training conference held each year.
Mr. Hill has been a guest speaker for several SME student chapter events every semester for approximately 20 years. He has impacted the educational experience of over 500 students during this time.

Jeff was instrumental in helping the ISU SME student chapter in raising seed money for an endowed scholarship that has provided over a dozen students with a $1,000 scholarship since 1992.

Jeff has been actively involved in the planning and outfitting of the newly dedicated Caterpillar Integrated Manufacturing Laboratory. He has actively served on the IMS Advisory Board for the last five years and was instrumental in helping equip the Cat Lab resulting in one of the most advanced automation facilities in the country.

Mr. Hill has made valuable contributions to the IMS program and students through service, financial awards, capital gifts and professional support for many years. We are pleased to recognize your significant contributions to our College with the CAST Associate’s Award. Mr. Jeffrey Hill.

CAST COLLEAGUE RECOGNITIONS

We have several colleagues who have certainly distinguished themselves this year by receiving University level awards. In doing so, they also have raised the stature of the College across the University. Although they have been recognized elsewhere and have already received their awards, I thought it fitting that we take the opportunity to recognize them as colleagues in a CAST forum.

Dr. Lori Woeste, HSC
University Teaching Initiative Award

Dr. Chad McEvoy, KNR
Outstanding Research Initiative Award

Mr. Chris Andre, CAST
Williams Outstanding Technology Service Award

Dr. Marilyn Morrow, Acting Associate Dean for Research will present the 2006-2007 CAST OUTSTANDING TEACHER and OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER AWARDS.

Thank you Marilyn and congratulations Dr. Byrns and Dr. Power.

RECOGNITION OF CAST RETIREES

This year we have 8 colleagues who will retire and with them we will lose 170 years of experience and 8 of our greatest assets.
Sally Scott has been involved with the School in some capacity since 1991. She currently serves as Coordinator of Scheduling and Curriculum for ITK. She has taught a variety of courses, including programming, database, ethics, and introductory information systems courses. Sally also had the opportunity to work with CyberCamp, a resident summer computer camp for high school students sponsored by the School, and to serve as its director for three years.

In retirement, Sally is looking forward to having more time for hobbies such as gardening, reading, and needlework; to playing more golf (and hopefully improving my game); and to volunteering with organizations such as the Bloomington-Normal Guild for the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the ISU Women’s Golf Association.

Dr. Paul Brauchle joined the Dept of Industrial Technology in fall of 1987 as Graduate Coordinator with a mission to create a new focus for graduate studies. Paul was well suited for this position. His application letter stated that his career goal was to “build a nationally respected graduate program” in the field of Industrial Technology. The diverse and thriving nature of our graduate program is evidence that he accomplished this goal.

Paul received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1979. Prior to arriving at ISU, he taught at Bowling Green State University from 1981-1985 and was the Director of Research and Development for the Tennessee State Dept of Education (1985-1987).

Paul has provided diligent service to Technology as Graduate Coordinator, instructor and researcher in the area of training and development. His mentorship of graduate students has resulted in several students earning the James L. Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award.

Numerous professional organizations such as Epsilon Pi Tau, National Association of Industrial Technical Teacher Educators, American Society for Quality, and the American Society for Training and Development have also benefited from Paul’s leadership and expertise.

Further, he has been the Dept of Technology IRB representative for as long as anyone can remember and we don’t think he can be replaced! In continuing professional development, he recently completed an extensive and intensive course in quality management to become a 6 Sigma Black Belt.

Dr. Bev Smith received her master’s and doctoral degrees from Miami University. After completing her education, she taught at the University of Cincinnati, Western Michigan University, and the State University of New York at Albany. She started working at ISU in 1983 and became a full professor in 1993. She has had a distinguished career serving as a departmental Director of
Graduate Studies, Acting Director of Women’s Studies, and the Chair of the IRB. Her other accomplishments include winning Outstanding University Teacher and Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Awards, in addition to the Criminal Justice Departmental Teacher of the Year Awards, the most recent of which was yesterday.

The faculty, when asked replied they will miss her professionalism, her intellectual contributions, her compassion toward students, and most of all the candy that she leaves in the mail room. Some commented about not having to worry about misusing office supplies and recycling paper.

Dr. Barbara Beccue started teaching in the Department of Applied Computer Science at Illinois State University in the Fall of 1981. She has been active in developing and teaching graduate courses and working with graduate students on their masters’ projects and theses. She developed a prolific research agenda while at ISU.

In addition to teaching, she was assistant to the Department Chair (Larry Eggan) from 1986 to 1990. Barbara and Larry Eggan traveled to Bangkok Thailand to serve as consultants for developing Computer Science programs and she also visited Curtain University in Perth (Australia) to investigate feasibility of faculty and student exchanges.

Also in 1990, she was appointed Acting Director of the new Research and Training in Information Systems Technology Laboratory (which became Info Tech) for 2 years.

She received grants from USACERL for 1993 through 1996 to provide technical expertise in the area of data modeling, process modeling and data dictionary development.

Retirement Plans are evolving. However, her son, Tim, and his wife are expecting their first baby May 13. So being an active grandma for her 3 yr old and 1 year old granddaughters as well as the 2 new grandbabies due this May is a big part of her plan. Plus she and her husband have decided to do some remodeling this summer.

Dr. Sandra Groves (formerly Sandra Little) came to Illinois State University in 1985 after completing her doctorate and being on the faculty in Recreation and Park Administration at Penn State University for 10 years. Illinois has had a magnetic effect on Sandy as she has moved in and out of Illinois three different times. Sandy worked for the Village of Oak Park Recreation Department, the Elk Grove Park District, and the Park Ridge Park District.
The primary highpoint of being at Illinois State University has been working with wonderful students and colleagues in Recreation and Park Administration and the School of Kinesiology and Recreation.

Work with a little leisure and time with family has constituted most of Sandy’s life. The plan is to reverse the ratio of work to leisure and time with family. Sandy and her husband Fred, who plans to continue his business in Bloomington, will remain in their home in Normal. Fred and Sandy have 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild with a plan for a family reunion in Normal in late July.

**Dr. Tom Ellsworth** has had a notable career both as an academic and member of the community. Tom was a kid from the streets of New York City. Since then, he earned a doctorate in Educational Administration, developed a solid teaching and scholarly career, and admirably administered the Criminal Justice Department for several years. In his years as chair, the number of majors, new faculty and status of the department has increased. Besides that, he also was a member of a local school board and oversaw substantial changes in the local school system.

Tom plans on enjoying retirement to its fullest. There is property to care for in Florida and Illinois. There are genealogical explorations into his Scottish ancestry. There are children to pester and a wife to perplex, all skills honed here as Chair. There are friends and colleagues to enjoy, and hobbies to obsess over. And, of course, there are courses in the department needing to be taught where his skills and insights would be most welcome. Tom may be sorely missed, but his imprint on the department, college and university is firmly fixed.

**Dr. Joan Stevenson Falcone** joined the English Department at ISU in 1988 as a graduate assistant and taught in the English department full-time following graduation in 1992 until January of 2002. At that time she joined the Family and Consumer Sciences department as Academic Advisor. During the past 5 years in FCS Joan single handedly advised over 600 majors and minors a year, assumed responsibility for scheduling and the departmental web site, taught FOI, and performed many other duties as assigned with good humor. (No wonder she is retiring!)

In her spare time Dr. Falcone edited and annotated a book entitled "The Memoirs of Ella Wilkenson Peattie" as well as writing a critical introduction. Despite her many accomplishments and talents, when asked to reflect on her years of service to ISU, she says her greatest love has been the "countless interactions with our wonderful students and the hope that she made a difference in their lives".

Joan and her husband David look forward to traveling and spending time on their new boat. More on that later.
Dr. David Falcone started his career in criminal justice as a military policeman. He was a deputy sheriff and city police officer. After several years on the police department he became a police counselor with Fenton High School in Bensenville. After a few years of that, plus some extra work teaching part-time at Triton Community College, he moved from the Chicago area to rural Missouri (very rural Missouri) in search of a simpler life and few paved roads. He joined the faculty at Mineral Area College in Flatrock, Missouri where he became chair of the criminal justice department. While he taught there, he also commuted to classes at ISU (between Ellington, Missouri and Normal, Illinois) while working on his M.S. degree in Criminal Justice Sciences. When the M.S. was finished, David joined the criminal justice science faculty at ISU as a temporary faculty, while he worked on his Ph.D. in American Studies at St. Louis University – another incredibly long commute to class. Upon completing the Ph.D., he was then joined the CJS department at ISU as a tenure track faculty, where he has remained ever since.

David is well known nationally for his research on police vehicle pursuits, and has served as an expert witness in a number of legal cases involving high speed police pursuits that ended in crashes. He has coauthored the book Crime and Police in Rural and Small Town America (currently in its third edition with Waveland Press). Most recently (in 2005), he published the definitive Dictionary of American Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Criminal Law with Prentice-Hall.

His plans for his retirement are to finish up a few lingering academic projects (at least one more book) and to go boating (in his new speedboat which has yet to be put in the water). I’m told he will be the mechanic and his bride will be the captain.

Congratulations to each of you.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE 2006-2007

Today the state of our College is strong, and each of you has contributed to positioning CAST well for the 21st Century.

Clearly, the major strength in CAST is our faculty engaged in research, teaching and service.

Based on IDEA data, your overall instructional effectiveness was deemed to be unusually high; your external grant submissions totaled $10.1 million and you were awarded $3.3 million dollars; and, service activities are far too numerous to mention here.

So, what next?
I have asked the CAST Council to re-visit our vision. It’s been 7 years since we ratified our current vision statement.

We are nearing the completion of phase 1 of a new initiative to expand our inventory of distance education courses. This will enable us to expand our instructional capacity and to reach previously under-served student populations. This initiative is also designed to be a self help tool for when we are displaced from our buildings due to renovation or construction activities in the future. I would like to expand this initiative next year to include more faculty.

I would like to announce today other initiatives that I feel are important in moving CAST forward. I will invest some of the College’s resources in creating an Advancement Award for CAST Departments/Schools. This competitive Award will recognize those units that put forth the best departmental/school advancement effort of the year. The winning department would then use the prize for additional advancement efforts.

An effort to increase the College unity will result in digital displays being placed in each academic venue where a CAST department or school exists. This will expand and increase the visibility of our College among all faculty and students who traverse our hallways. The digital displays will be similar to those you see in the Bone Center and will be used to announce weekly events and special activities in the College and throughout all CAST departments.

This afternoon I am announcing a new program aimed at supporting faculty research and teaching efforts. A new international travel grant program for faculty will be offered as well as a CAST Summer Research Fellowship and a CAST Teaching Fellowship. These competitive programs will be formalized this fall semester.

Lastly, I have agreed to partner with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to increase the amount of indirect funds that come back directly to a PI. This amount will increase from the current 3% to 7%.

This year campus life will disrupted by faculty being displaced, buildings undergoing renovation, or entire buildings being decommissioned. I trust you will be patient and understanding with these disruptions. It will be difficult and trying on our nerves. I ask your understanding.

I am committed to pursuing avenues for selected graduate degrees in Health Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences, and the School of Information Technology. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary in CAST, we have matured to the point where we can and should be offering selected graduate programs of distinction, especially where there is a demonstrated need.
And, as I mentioned in my remarks last fall, I am committed to strengthening our relationships with our alumni base and increasing college advancement activities. This year I have been involved in raising funds and friends on a modest scale. If we are to move ahead aggressively, as I think we should in the area of distinctive undergraduate education and in selected graduate studies, we will not only need state support, but also that from many of our alumni. Positive alumni relationships begin in your classrooms. My job is to see that we remain connected with your students who we count as our alumni. This year we began that process with a name tag event in Chicago. This coming year I am committed to hosting several events in Chicago where we have the greatest critical mass of CAST alumni.

This year’s budget priorities are modest but compelling. On behalf of the college I requested funds for some building and lab renovations. I have also asked for funding to support faculty lines that have been vacated due to non-reappointment, retirement or resignation. I have also requested funding for three new faculty positions in the College. And, I have asked for the restoration of operational dollars to support faculty travel and re-capitalizing equipment.

DEAN’S STAFF
I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Dean’s staff for working so hard and tolerating me this year-

Alan Lacy, Associate Dean
Marilyn Morrow, Acting Associate Dean
Deb Gentry, Associate Dean
Joy Hutchcraft, Director of Development
Kate Plantholt, Coordinator of Instructional Technology
Chris Andre, Network Coordinator
Jim Hearn, Computer Support Specialist
Suzie Zeigler, Administrative Assistant
Cindy Greskiwcz, Dean’s Secretary

In closing, it has been a productive year and I’m looking forward to next. I am grateful and honored to serve as your Dean.

Thank you and good luck with finals!