

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

May 20, 2009

Academic Affairs

- *Business* - At the conclusion of the 8th and final round of Spring semester's national business simulation game, one of the student teams in Dr. Ann Gilley's business capstone course placed 2nd on the basis of cumulative profit performance out of 1,395 teams from schools across the nation.
- *Criminal Justice* - The first C J study abroad trip visited Ireland escorted by Drs. Terry Nerbonne and Nancy Hogan. Included was a visit to the Dublin Institute of Technology to explore partnerships. CJ has 263 interns on and off campus this summer.
- *Recreation, Leisure Studies, and Wellness*: To continue its commitment to the Baldwin area and community, RLMS has one intern working in Baldwin for the Forest Service.
- *Education*: Two student teachers are faculty members at Grand Rapids Community College; to help them attain their career goals, a special student teacher experience was designed that allows them to student teach at GRCC.
- *Television & Digital Media Production*: TDMP designed an experimental course in Digital Cinematography for the summer. Fourteen students, attending TDMP's Production Assistant Boot Camp this summer, will learn skills in producing and directing a "live" television show in a state-of-the-art television studio. Students will also be involved in field production shooting digital video film-style and editing on the latest nonlinear editing equipment.
- *Optometry* - MCO faculty members serving as committee chairs of the Michigan Optometric Association:
 - Committee Membership 2008-09 Awards Committee: Robert Carter, O.D., Chair
 - Medicare Committee: Roger Kamen, O.D., M.S., Co-Chair
 - Academic Relations Committee: Philip Walling, O.D., Co-Chair
 - Practice Management Committee: Roger Kamen, O.D., M.S., Chair
 - Practice Standards & Professional Ethics Committee: James Miller, O.D., Chair
 - Healthy Eyes Healthy People/Diabetes Initiative Committee: Sarah Hinkley, O.D., Chair
 - Emergency Mobilization Task Force: Robert Buckingham, O.D., Chair
- *University College* - Arlene Krellwitz, SLA interim coordinator, consulted on the SLA program at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama, making presentations to approximately eighty faculty and staff.

CPTS

- David Baker, DAGD Faculty Member, is working with the Grand Rapids Public library to create a pre-gaming camp for the Summer Teen Reading Program: www.grpl.org/teensummerreading.
- DAGD students participated in the Cartoon Challenge at Kalamazoo Community College.
- In Lansing, the unofficial, unduplicated student enrollments are up by 48 students this summer.

Administration and Finance

Athletics:

- The men's golf team competed in the NCAA National Championship finals.
- The women's golf team tied for sixth place at the 2009 NCAA-II Championship.
- Men's tennis and softball went to the NCAA Regional Finals to conclude outstanding seasons.
- Two members of the women's track team will be competing at the NCAA National Championship meet.
- Efforts continue to promote the "Battle at the Ballpark" at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids on October 3, featuring the FSU vs. Michigan Tech. football game.
- The 2nd annual Blues & Barbecue co-sponsored by Student Government and the Athletic Department will be prior to the FSU vs. GVSU football game on September 19.

Racquet Facility:

- Advertisements for the FSU Summer Tennis Camps appeared in the USTA Midwest E-Newsletter and Midwest Tennis News with a link to the FSU Tennis Camp website.
- An additional career track internship began this summer with Liza Horan, owner of www.TennisWire.org This will be the first in-house full year internship of the PTM program.
- Facility staff and PTM students attended Girl's High Schools Regional Tournaments throughout Michigan and distributed over 2,000 FSU tennis camp and PTM brochures.

Investments & Grants:

- The financial markets have been bouncing back and we are now seeing improvements from the downward trends in our investment portfolios.

Physical Plant:

- The Rock project is progressing on schedule and the East Campus apartment demolition will begin the first part of June.

Diversity and Inclusion Office

- The Office of Diversity is now the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The website has been updated to reflect the new name and a revised mission-aligned to the Strategic Alignment Plan: <http://www.ferris.edu/diversity/>
- David Pilgrim facilitated FSUS Instructor Diversity Training on May 11th, an additional class is scheduled for August 28th.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- Miles Postema was selected to host the General Counsel Special Interest Group at the the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) Annual Conference; as a panelist for a session entitled "How to Do More with Less" at NACUA's 2009 Annual Conference; and as a workshop presenter for NACUA's PreConference Workshop for New General Counsels.

Student Affairs

- Birkam Health and Counseling Center successfully managed a variety of issues related to novel H1N1 influenza with the assistance of campus departments and off campus agencies including Mecosta County Medical Center, District Health Dept #10 and Michigan Region 6.
- The Counseling Center successfully managed the largest number of student requests for psychological counseling and crises intervention in the history of the Center.
- As a result of *exceptional* teamwork on the part of over 140 Ferris employees and student workers, the five Spring 2009 Commencement ceremonies were a big success with 1,230 students participating in Commencement ceremonies.
- Orientation Leaders are spending two hours touring the downtown area, becoming more familiar with local businesses, and spending time with business owners learning how to promote and encourage new student and parent connections to the downtown.
- Departmental collaborations regarding orientation planning and participation have created a wonderful team of faculty and staff to welcome new students and their families to campus.
- At University Recreation, the Aquatics program is meeting safety needs to the local area and youth camps by providing Life Guard training, First Aid and CPR training. The FSU Ropes Course is fully staffed with students and members of the faculty.

University Advancement and Marketing

- The Student Alumni Gold Club was recognized as a 2009 5-Star Recognized Student Organization for the sixth consecutive year.
- The 53rd Annual FSU Alumni Association Spring Reunion welcomed more than 140 alumni, guests and staff and honored 21 returning graduates of the FI Class of 1959 as new members of the Society of Golden Eagles. The Alumni Association also recognized graduating Student Alumni Gold Club students Dierdre Kolle and Joe Periord with the Above and Beyond Award, alumni Scott French, Kathy LeMieux, and Mimi Miles with the Pacesetter Award, and alumni Dr. Ron Mahoney, Hon. Tim Moore, and Mary Jane Thomson as Distinguished Alumni.
- The College of Allied Health Sciences' Health Information programs in partnership with the FSU Alumni Association, welcomed approximately 100 alumni to a reception in conjunction with the Michigan Health Information Management Association State Conference.
- The 19th Annual FSU Alumni Association Golf Outing welcomed more than 150 alumni and friends to Eagle Eye Golf Club in East Lansing, MI.
- The MCO groundbreaking received media interest locally, regionally, statewide and nationally.