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University Wide Notices

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To view our University Wide Notice (UWN) Procedures, please click [here](#).

FCTL: Walk-In Conference Proposal Assistance

WALK-IN Conference Proposal ASSISTANCE

Where: FLITE 405

When: February 7, 2019 from 1 – 4 PM

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning can assist you with your quest for conference greatness. We understand that you are the content expert, just know that we are happy to help in the following ways:

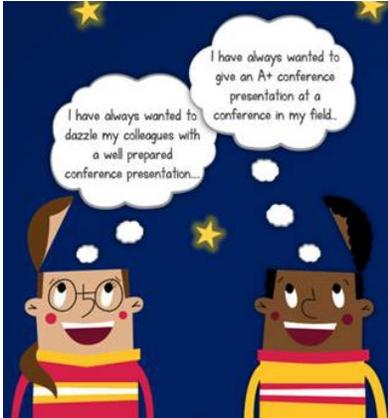
Planning Stage

- Assist with identifying conference proposal topics
- Identify conference goals
- Review conference proposals prior to submission

Preparation Stage

- Provide an audience for presentation practice
- Review supporting materials and technology needed

No need to RSVP, just stop in to see us on February 7th.



If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in these events, please contact FCTL at (231) 591-3826 or fctl@ferris.edu to request accommodations at least 72 hours in advance.

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Academic Affairs Awards Change

Notice of Change to Richard W. Griffin Political Engagement Award:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

Due to budgetary constraints, the Richard W. Griffin Political Engagement Award will not be given out this year. However, nominations are still being sought for all of the other nine Academic Affairs awards. Full descriptions of the awards and nomination instructions are available on the Academic Affairs Awards page [here](#).

Please follow the nomination process detailed for each award. Note that all nominations, except the Distinguished Teacher Award, need to be received electronically **by 5 PM on Friday, February 8, 2019.**

AWARDS

Academic Scholar Award – This award recognizes a member of the academic community who has demonstrated excellence in research, inquiry and/or scholarship. Ferris State University embraces a broad definition of scholarship that includes emphasis on discovery, integration, application and teaching. Recipients will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,500.

Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award – This award recognizes an adjunct faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching. Recipients will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,500.

Distinguished Service Award – This award is conferred upon a faculty member who serves the community through activities such as leadership in departmental college and/or university committees; participation in activities that contribute to the well-being of the institution; leadership in local, regional, state, national or international professional organizations; and mentoring colleagues and students. Recipients will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,500.

Distinguished Teacher Award – This Academic Senate award is symbolic of the appreciation of the Ferris faculty for their dedication to and excellence in teaching. Only tenured faculty members are eligible for nomination. Recipients receive a monetary award of \$2,500. Nominations were due to the Academic Senate by December 2018.

Diversity Enhancement Award – This award is conferred upon a faculty or staff member who demonstrates a significant commitment to enhancing diversity and harmonious relationships at Ferris State University. Recipients will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,500.

Excellence in Course Assessment Award – This award is available based on excellence in use of assessment data in a course to improve student learning. All faculty members are encouraged to apply, and groups may apply as long as it is in regard to one course being assessed. Two \$500 awards are available to be given: one award to an individual and one award split among faculty members who teach a specific course.

International Educator Award – This Academic Senate award is conferred upon a faculty member who exemplifies a level of involvement in international activities. Faculty and students are invited to nominate a member of the faculty or faculty may nominate themselves. Recipients will receive a \$1,500 honorarium.

Outstanding Academic Advisor Award – This award recognizes an academic advisor who has demonstrated excellence in such areas as providing superior service to students and/or developing innovative advising strategies and tools. Recipients will receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$1,500.

Outstanding First-Year Advocate Award – This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the academic and/or personal lives of first-year students. This award is open to faculty and staff in all areas of the University. Recipients will receive a plaque and a \$1,500 monetary award.



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Work/Life/Balance Panel

The Ferris Women's Network invites you to participate in a panel presentation that takes on the tough question – can there be work/life balance? Women are often juggling home life, work priorities, and other various tasks, making the idea of balance seem impossible. Panelists will give their experiences and advice, while also taking questions from the audience.

Panelists include:

- Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof, Vice President for Student Affairs at Ferris State University
- Dr. Kasey Thompson, Assistant Professor – College of Business at Ferris State University
- Members of the Big Rapids community

Thursday, February 28

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
UC 202A
Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP

RSVP by [clicking here](#) or visit the Staff Center for Training and Development calendar of events.

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Weather Message - Friday, January 25, 2019

The National Weather Service issued the following **Hazardous Weather Outlook** today (1/25/2019) at 11:17AM.

This hazardous weather outlook is for portions of southwest Lower Michigan including Mecosta and Kent county. View the Weather Story at: <https://www.weather.gov/grr/weatherstory>

DAY ONE (FRIDAY)...This Afternoon and Tonight

Lake effect snow showers and bitter cold will continue to create hazardous travel conditions into tonight, particularly near and west of a line from Cadillac to Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo.

DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...Saturday through Thursday

Lake effect snow showers will persist over the weekend, re-intensifying for a time on Saturday night.

Widespread snow accumulations, possibly significant, are expected Monday, followed by additional lake effect snow showers Tuesday and Wednesday.

Life threatening cold air will arrive by the middle of next week, with dangerous wind chills as low as 35 below.

Visit the National Weather Service for the most up to date weather information at: <https://www.weather.gov/grr/>

While on campus take a few extra seconds to review conditions and prepare yourself for the walk to your building. Watch for slippery areas in parking lots, walks and building entrances where snow, ice or water can accumulate. A pair of boots with a non-slip soles are a good choice for footwear. In extreme conditions, traction aids that attach to your footwear can help prevent slips and falls. Remember to remove traction aids before walking on interior building floors to prevent slipping.

Tips for winter weather:

- Walk with shorter, choppier steps with toes pointed slightly outward when on slippery surfaces.
- Wear winter shoes/boots outside and change once inside.
- Wear multiple layers and cover exposed skin to prevent frostbite.
- Wear a hat to protect your ears and preserve body heat.
- Wear sunglasses to cut down on glare.
- Report slippery areas that need attention via the work order system.

The Physical Plant Grounds department is hard at work keeping walks, parking lots and roadways clear. However, they are responsible for about 23 miles of walks, 54 acres of parking lots, and 4.3 miles of roadways, it takes a lot of time to clear all of these areas. The Grounds Crew often start their days at 3AM to meet the demands of winter weather. Please be aware of campus conditions and snow removal equipment operating in the area.

Sign up to receive official Ferris State University Emergency Text Alerts so you are the first to know about time-sensitive campus safety issues, closings due to weather, or other disruptions. Instructions can be found at:

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/adminandfinance/finance/sherm/Safety/pdfs-docs/emergencytextalerts.pdf>

FEMA Winter Weather Preparedness video: https://youtu.be/XVpGJ_Xl__w

Winter weather preparedness information is available on line at: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Thank you!

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*The Safety, Health, Environmental and Risk Management (SHERM) Department has been established to provide a comprehensive program of services

and activities to assist colleges and departments in protecting faculty, staff, students, visitors and the environment.

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Ferris Dining Wins Two People's Choice Awards



Thank you for voting...

Ferris Catering as Favorite Caterer of the Year

&

The Rock Cafe as Favorite Buffet of the year

in Mecosta County



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