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University Wide Notices

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Engaged! - Question the Assumptions for Assessing Outcomes

Question the Assumptions for Assessing Outcomes,

by Kelley E.B. Senkowski



Are you a social butterfly? Whether you are or not, you meet new people and are exposed to new thoughts and content constantly. When you are in a discussion at work, or in a social setting, of a topic where you have little knowledge, you ask clarifying questions and try to relate the response content to something in your life relevant to you. Your brain is trying to categorize it and compare it to knowledge already retained. If the response to your question continues your thought process, builds on ideas and relevancy to you, you continue to dialogue and ask further questions for understanding. *You are engaged.* However, if this does not happen in one or two question attempts, the discussion does not engage you, and you lose interest and move on. This happens in the class as well.

While at a recent conference the idea of having students *question the assumptions* for assignments and projects was mentioned and it caused me to think about this in higher education and course design. Questioning the assumptions leads one to reflection, creativity, critical thinking and higher order thought processes.

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See all Ferris eLearning Engaged! posts at <https://ferrisengaged.com/>. If you would like to learn more about designing your online course at Ferris, email eLearning@ferris.edu. We can help!

Kathy Fisher is Retiring!



Kathy Fisher, Assistant Director of Enrollment Technical Services, has announced her retirement after nearly **31 years of service**. Kathy's last day at the University will be May 24th. Kathy plans to spend time with her family and a lot more time in the great out of doors – camping, fishing, canoeing and gardening.

Please join us for a retirement reception on **May 22 from 2-4 pm in CSS201 V/W** to wish Kathy a long and happy retirement. Light Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to contribute toward a retirement gift for Kathy, or to contribute photos, cards or memorabilia, please contact Lisa Weiler (ext. 3577) or Melanie Mulder (2121).

Thank you.

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2019 Trends in Occupational Studies Conference - Call for Presentations

On behalf of the Planning Committee, I am pleased to invite you to present at the 2019 [TRENDS in Occupational Studies Conference](#). This conference, scheduled for October 23-25, 2019, will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza.

We encourage you to submit presentations demonstrating successful strategies that prepare today's students for tomorrow's careers and college. Share your innovative programs, successful partnerships, improved outcomes, and comprehensive services that support career and technical education. We are interested in program sessions that address the diverse needs of students.

Interested in reviewing real feedback from the 2018 conference and obtain presentation topic ideas? Click [HERE](#)

[Presentation Submission Link](#)

Have questions or need assistance? Contact Conference & Professional Services at (231) 591-5808 or by email at caps@ferris.edu.

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FSU Dance Team

The Ferris State University Dance Team is seeking a new advisor (FSU faculty or staff)/coach that is engaging, positive and excited to be part of the team. Interested individuals must be skilled with up to date dance technique and terminology. The team is a Registered Student Organization on campus and therefore the advisor/coach will work closely with the executive committee, oversee choreography, and attend competitions/events and practices (3-5 nights/week). This is a volunteer position with flexibility, however may develop into a paid coaching position.

If interested, please contact Kale Tissue at kaletissue@ferris.edu

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Job Posting(s) for May 10, 2019

Click on this link to go directly to the Electronic Employment System: <https://employment.ferris.edu/>

To access via the Ferris Home Page at: www.ferris.edu,

click Employment (under Campus Resources), click FSU Electronic Employment System - Job Postings.

NOTE: Please Read the next section carefully.
NEW Postings for this week.

This week's job postings are available:

- In the Electronic Employment System. The link above will take you to the postings page, please follow the above instructions to access postings in the Electronic Employment System.

Application assistance is available in the Electronic Employment System for individuals needing additional

assistance. There is a [Help](#) link located in the top left corner of the system. To apply for any positions in the Electronic Employment System, you must complete or have completed the on-line **Application**.

Applicants requiring accommodation or additional assistance in the application process should contact the Office of Human Resources at 231-591-2150 or email fsujobs@ferris.edu.

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please call Mandi Sterly @ ext.2667, Jennifer Saladin @ ext. 3878, or Jennifer Wallace @ ext. 2485.



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Announcement from the Office of the Provost

Jennifer Hegenauer to Serve in New Role

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jennifer Hegenauer will be temporarily reassigned to the Office of Academic Affairs effective June 1, 2019 through our 2020 HLC Reaffirmation. Jennifer will be working with Interim Associate Provost of Assessment and Accreditation, Mandy Seiferlein, in support of a team-based approach to assessment, providing support to the HLC reaffirmation process, and identification of solutions for assessment-related gaps.

Joining the University nearly 20 years ago, Jennifer has excelled in roles that include recruitment marketing, research, analytics, strategic planning, and assessment. Her involvement with HLC accreditation began in 2008 during Ferris' last reaffirmation visit, when she served on the steering committee, co-chaired one criterion committee, and participated in another. In February 2017, Jennifer was named Project Manager for the HLC Quality Initiative, and in 2018 was instrumental in the HLC multi-location report and visit for our Statewide locations. In late 2018, Jennifer began special project work related to assessment to support the work of the HLC steering committee. Additionally, Jennifer currently chairs the Digital Measures Implementation Team and is a member of the Academic Affairs Assessment Committee.

We welcome Jennifer to the Office of Academic Affairs and the skills and expertise she brings to this important work.

Paul Blake

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IT Solution Center Workstation Maintenance Plan

New! – IT Solution Center Workstation Maintenance Plan

Effective maintenance and support of assets provides longer life to our technology assets. Computers keep the business running, but your computer needs regular computer maintenance to perform at its best. Just like a car, your computer will suffer from performance issues if you don't keep some form of routine maintenance schedule. For Windows updates to be applied, all computers must be restarted on a regular basis.

The purpose of this workstation maintenance plan is to provide routine and emergency maintenance to hardware and software on FSU owned workstations. Routine updates to operating systems and applications reduce security risks and strengthens the University's security footprint. Maintenance may include updates to the following list of items, however the list is not all-inclusive. Urgent and emergency updates will be installed as soon as possible.

- Windows updates/upgrades
- Anti-virus updates
- Application updates
- Security updates

With the release of Windows 10, Microsoft is releasing Feature Updates twice a year. The IT Solution Center cannot keep all workstations up-to-date with current Feature Updates the way we are currently deploying them. We always seem to be "chasing our tails." The new Workstation Maintenance Plan will help us automate these updates so we can focus our attention on other areas of support.

All FSU owned Windows workstations will be impacted by this new plan. A notice will go out in the UWN indicating an IT Solution Center Maintenance day. Updates will be downloaded and installed on workstations during daytime hours every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. All workstations will be rebooted at 11:00 pm on Maintenance days to ensure updates are applied in a timely manner. If your workstation is not working appropriately after a workstation maintenance night, please call the IT Solution Center at extension 4822 for assistance.

The Workstation Maintenance plan will commence on May 15th, 2019. Mac devices will not be affected by this plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the IT Solution Center at x4822.

Thanks,
Sharon DelBello, SSCP, A+
Service Desk Coordinator
Ferris State University