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CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARDS GRANTS TO MSUM FACULTY

The Center for Teaching and Learning, a system-wide resource for faculty development in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, has awarded the following grants to MSUM faculty.

The CTL grants programs are supported by funds from the Office of the Chancellor and the Bush Foundation.

About 30 percent of the CTL awards this year went to MSUM faculty.

CTL received 73 requests for its grants totaling nearly \$800,000 this spring. The review committee was made up of faculty members from a variety of MnSCU institutions and administrators from the Office of the Chancellor.

* **Richard Adler**, Speech/Language/Hearing Sciences," \$12,261 for a project titled "Academic and Professional Diversity: A Union of the MSUM and the Tribal Colleges at Mahnomen, Cass Lake, Cloquet, Sisseton/Wahpeton, and Belcourt/Turtle Mountain," an outreach effort to increase interest among Native Americans to study speech, language and hearing sciences.

* **Kenyon Williams**, Music, \$10,650, for "Putting Diversity to Practice: Increasing the University/Community Influence of MSUM's Multicultural Music Ensemble."

* **James Harley**, Music, \$5,000, for "Incorporating Interactive Digital Technology into Music Performance."

* **Linda Winkler** and **Ananda Shastri**, Physics, \$13,250, for "Seeing Electricity: Improving the Electronics Laboratory Experience for Students at MSUM."

* **Jane Visto**, Speech/Language/hearing Sciences, and **Barb Hoppe**, Instructional Technology, \$4,984, for "Acoustic Analysis Technology: Voice and Speech Revisited."

* **Joe Provost**, Biology, \$15,000, for "Advancing the Incorporation of Research and Technology into MSUM Biochemistry and Biotechnology Courses."

* **Mark Wallert**, Biology, \$15,000 for "Incorporation of Web Based Teaching Technology to Enhance Freshman Cell Biology Laboratory."

* **Benjamin Smith**, Languages, and **Jane Bergland**, Nursing, \$3,950, for improving collaboration with community agencies for a course on "Spanish for Health Care Professionals."

* **Brian Wisenden** and **Michelle Mallott**, Biology, \$14,998, for "Linking Research Training to Curricular Enhancement in Molecular Ecology."

* **Jan Flack**, Continuing Studies, \$14,075, for "Redesign and Development of Required Liberal Studies Coursework on a Self-Paced Individualized Study, Distance-Delivered Format to Ensure Access for Under-Served Nursing (BSA) and Paraprofessional Education Students."

* **Paul Sando**, Anthropology and Earth Sciences, \$4,366 for "The Canadian Studies Pilot Project" and \$3,764 for "The Interdisciplinary GPS Project."

FULBRIGHT ALLOWS TWO FACULTY TO TEACH IN GERMANY NEXT YEAR

Maureen Reed, American Multicultural Studies and Humanities, and **Patrick Walsh**, New Center, have both been awarded Fulbright Junior Lecturing Grants in American Studies to teach in Germany during the 2004-2005 academic year. Reed will teach at Universität Regensburg and Walsh will teach at Universität Passau. Both will teach classes about American culture, in English, to German university students.

STAFF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2004-2005

Congratulations to all who have been selected to receive scholarships or bookstore awards for the 2004-2005 academic year. This year there was a record 22 applicants for scholarships or bookstore awards.

Tuition and fees scholarships were awarded to:

*Kristen Estrem, daughter of Sherry Estrem

*Claire Anderson, daughter of Donald Anderson and Ilene Trittin-Anderson

*Michael Bergquist, son of Peggy Bergquist

*Mitchell Hogue, son of Sherri Hogue

*Drew Estrem, son of Sherry Estrem

*Heidi Selzler, daughter of Korella Selzler

*Matthew Duval, son of Ron Duval

*Angela Eck, daughter of Karla and Philip Wenger

*Michael Holland, son of Shirlee Holland

*Tiffany Nordick, daughter of Melanie Nordick

*Daniel Olson, son of Roger and Marian Olson

Bookstore scholarships were awarded to previous recipients and staff:

- *Justin Kruse, son of Nancy Kruse
- *Brittany Smith, daughter of Randy and Marla Smith
- *Sarah Johanson, daughter of Gwen Johanson
- *Daniel Nygard, son of Jerry and Bonnie Nygard
- *Jessica Heck, daughter of Dan Heck
- *Jessica Jensen, daughter of Jenny Jensen
- *Jo Berg
- *Janet Hohenstein
- *Pamela Schoenborn
- *Brenda Soule
- *Carrie Stenseth

Thanks to the many people who purchased towels, denim shirts, polo shirts, and raffle tickets and to those who donate to Council on Staff Affairs in other ways. CSA was able to award \$4,000 in scholarships and awards.



STUDENT MAGAZINE NOW ONLINE

The third issue of the student magazine, "horizonlines.org," is now online. The topic for the spring issue is "3D Art".

The past issues, "Poetry And What It Means To A Community," and "Documentary Photography," are still available by clicking "back issues" from the cover (homepage). The magazine can be found at www.horizonlines.org

ALUM DAVID STRAUSS, GORE'S FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, SPEAKS AT MSUM GRADUATION

David Strauss, a 1973 MSUM alum who served four years as deputy chief of staff to Vice President Al Gore, will deliver the commencement address at the university's spring graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, May 14 in Nemzek Fieldhouse.



More than 820 students have been invited to receive their

degrees that day. About 650 are expected to attend the ceremony.

Strauss is currently a visiting lecturer at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and a lecturer at the Center for the Study of the Congress and the Presidency at American University in Washington, D.C.

After graduating from MSUM magna cum laude with degrees in political science and secondary education, he began his public service career in North Dakota administering federal farm programs as state executive director for the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Prior to his appointment with the vice president's staff, he served 13 years in senior management positions in the U.S. Senate.

A reception for parents, family and friends of graduates is scheduled after the ceremony.

NEW RED WEATHER BIGGEST EVER

The new 23rd edition of Red Weather, MSUM's



campus literary magazine, is now available at the Bookstore for \$8.

Containing poetry, fiction, nonfiction and photography by MSUM students, alumni faculty and visiting writers, at 215 pages it's the largest edition ever.

The publication was edited by K.C. Hanson and Athena Gracyk under faculty advisor Mark Vinz.

INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NEWS: "WEBCT, DESIRE2LEARN"

MSUM will be converting from the WebCT instructional management system to a new system called Desire2Learn. Instructional Technology will be facilitating the conversion of courses to the new system. Our license for WebCT will expire in August 2005. In the interim, we'll be converting courses from that system to Desire2Learn.

Currently, WebCT runs on hardware located on our campus and administered by EeJay Smith and Instructional Technology. The new Desire2Learn (D2L) software will be running on centrally located hardware purchased by MnSCU. Currently, all

courses running Desire2Learn are hosted on a server located in Canada. The plan is to have MnSCU hardware ready to host MnSCU courses by fall semester.

Each campus will have its own administrator. EeJay Smith will continue to administer the D2L instructional management system for our campus, and Instructional Technology will continue to provide local support for students and faculty using the system.

The first department to fully convert to D2L will be Nursing. IT is in the process of working with the faculty to convert their WebCT courses to the new system. They will be contacting everyone that has courses on WebCT to discuss conversion to the new Desire2Learn system.

Several workshops have already been held throughout spring semester on D2L, and more are planned for the upcoming months. An announcement will appear in Continews and on the Official Listserv regarding the dates/times.

If you are interested in having a course created on D2L, contact Rhonda Ficek, director of Instructional Technology, at ficek@mnstate.edu (phone: 477-2339) or Barb Hoppe at hoppeba@mnstate.edu (phone: 477-2596).

MAY, SUMMER WORKSHOPS: DESIRE2LEARN INSTRUCTIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Instructional Technology will sponsor two workshops in May to introduce MSUM faculty to the new instructional management system. MSUM faculty are invited to attend either workshop. The workshops are free, but enrollment is limited to 10 faculty per session.

Faculty attending the entire workshop on either Friday, May 21 or Wednesday, May 26 will be eligible to win a \$50 MSUM bookstore certificate. Instructional Technology will fund a maximum of ten certificates through an E-Learning grant obtained by Rhonda Ficek.

Dates: **Friday, May 21**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Location: Library 222

Preregistration is required. The link for the online registration form is available at <http://www.mnstate.edu/instrtech>.

Additional D2L workshops are planned for June, July, and August.

* Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 8, 9-12:30, Library 222 (for new users)

* Wednesday, June 9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library 222 (for users with experience in WebCT)

* Tuesday, July 6, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library 222 (for users with experience in WebCT)

Finally, on August 9, Instructional Technology will hold an all-day workshop: "The Pedagogy of Online Teaching." Location: Library 222 Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Rhonda Ficek, director of Instructional Technology at ficek@mnstate.edu (phone: 477-2339) or Barb Hoppe at hoppeba@mnstate.edu (phone: 477-2596).

APAC MINUTES

(April 20)

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Dobitz, Flack, Goodman, Hall, Jeppson, Schwartz, Suomala,

Members absent: Enz Finken, Marasinghe, Quigley, Shaw, Shreve, Wallert

1. Technology Department - Announcements

These courses were approved at the 4/6/04 APAC meeting but with the understanding that the course numbers might change after consultation with the Registrar. The new course numbers will be:

GCOM 356: Web Authoring with Dreamweaver was changed to GCOM 366

GCOM 358: Multimedia Authoring with Flash was changed to GCOM 368.

GCOM 256: Introduction to Multimedia (3 cr.) was changed to GCOM 266.

GCOM 456: Advanced Multimedia/WebAuthoring and Development (3 cr.) was changed to GCOM 466.

2. CSIS Department

John Gaffrey was present to answer questions.

This item is a carry over from the 4/6/04 APAC agenda. However, the 4/20/04 agenda listed the action incorrectly so the correct action, as requested by the department, reads as follows:

Bolduc moved. Schwartz seconded to approve to add CSIS 405: E-Commerce Technology (3 cr.) as an elective to the B.S. Degree in Computer Science. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Chemistry Department

(These changes were approved at the 4/19/04 Liberal Studies Committee meeting.)

Gary Edverson was present to answer questions.

Flack moved. Borchers seconded to approve changing: CHEM 150 (3 credit lecture)/155 (1 credit lab) into one, 4-credit course.

CHEM 160 (3 credit lecture)/165 (1 credit lab) into one 4 credit course. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwartz moved. Bolduc seconded to approve: Change the course level of CHEM 150/155: General Chemistry I/General Chemistry Lab I (3 Lec/1 Lab) to: CHEM 200: General Chemistry I (4 cr.) Also change the course description and prerequisites. Motion carried unanimously.

Borchers moved. Schwartz seconded to approve: Change the course level of CHEM 160/165: General Chemistry II/General Chemistry Lab II (3 Lec/1 Lab) to: CHEM 210: General Chemistry II (4 cr.). Also change the course description and prerequisites. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Education

(This was approved by the Teacher Preparation Committee & the Graduate Studies Committee.)

Rhonda Ficek was present to answer questions.

Flack moved. Borchers seconded to approve the following: Change ED 431/531: Technology Troubleshooting for Macintosh (1 cr.) and ED 432/532: Technology Troubleshooting for Windows (1 cr.) to:

ED 433/533: Technology Troubleshooting for your Computer (2 cr.). Also change the catalog description. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Biology Department

Donna Stockrahm and Brian Wisenden were present to answer questions.

Borchers moved. Hall seconded to approve the new course: BIOL 115: Organismal Biology (4 cr.) (This course was approved by the Liberal Studies Committee for designation B. This course was also approved by the Teacher Preparation Committee.) This course will replace BIO 303: General Zoology (4 cr.)

A list of books on zoology was distributed to members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Borchers moved. Conteh seconded to approve the following new courses:

BIOL 321: Invertebrate Zoology (3 cr.)

BIOL 322: Vertebrate Zoology (3 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Special Education Department

(These changes were approved by the Teacher Preparation Committee.)

Linda Svobodny and Deanne Borgeson were present to answer questions.

Undergraduate Bulletin Changes for Special Education

Bolduc moved. Borchers seconded to approve deleting the following courses:

SPED 420: Education of Diverse Learners (2)

SPED 422: Curriculum and Methods for the Gifted (2)

SPED 442: Creative Activities for Individuals with Disabilities (2)

SPED 456L: Field Experience: Mental Retardation (2)

Motion carried unanimously.

Graduate Bulletin Changes for Special Education

(These changes were approved by the Teacher Preparation Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee.)

Schwartz moved. Conteh seconded to approve deleting the following courses:

SPED 521: The Gifted Child (2)

SPED 522: Curriculum & Methods for the Gifted (2)

SPED 542: Creative Activities for Individuals with Disabilities (2)

SPED 616: The Gifted Child and Reading (2)

SPED 667M: Educational Planning Practicum (2)

SPED 668M: Collaboration/Consultative Practicum (2)

SPED 671: Advanced Planning Strategies (2)

SPED 672: Educational Diagnosis and

Programming (2)

Motion carried unanimously.

7. AAC Proposed Admission Policy for MSUM

A revised proposal was distributed to members along with two graphs.

VP Bette Midgarden reported that the proposal has been discussed with the University Budget and Planning Committee, Enrollment Management Committee, Admissions, Financial Aid, New Center for Multidisciplinary Studies and Cabinet. The proposal comes to APAC from the Academic Affairs Council.

Gina Monson was present to answer questions and to report on the Admission Pilot Project. Director Monson reported on the Admission Pilot Project which began fall semester 2001 and discussed at the December 5, 2000, APAC meeting. Monson stated that students involved in the pilot project were often successful and ranked 3rd in GPA compared to other groups admitted. The pilot project students had no special intervention or advising.

Other items discussed:

* Restricting admissions may reduce our student base.

However, students admitted appropriately, will be better served and likely retained in greater numbers.

* MSCTC will serve students that should begin their higher education at the Community College level.

* MSUM should see an increase in transfers with MSCTC in the community.

Bolduc moved. Conteh seconded to approve the Proposed Admission Policy for MSUM. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Midgarden reported that a generic nursing program will be brought to APAC and MnSCU fall semester 2005. That program will admit approximately 132 students

between academic year 2005 and 2007 and the retention of those students should be quite high. Barbara Vellenga will attend the next APAC meeting to give APAC members a preview of the degree.

HIGH IMPACT POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

WORKSHOP HERE MAY 20

MSUM Continuing Studies and the Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor 'High Impact Presentations with PowerPoint'. The non-credit workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, May 20 in MSUM's Center for Business 212.

The hands-on workshop is aimed at Microsoft Office users who have created PowerPoint presentations but are not using its advanced features. Participants will learn how to use enhanced multimedia capabilities to deliver presentations with more impact.

Topics covered are advanced features of Microsoft PowerPoint, including: using graphics, sound and movies; bringing presentations to life with templates, transitions and custom animations; and creating attention-getting, professional-looking PowerPoint files that enhance your presentation without overusing the technology.

Michael McCord, English, will lead the workshop. Cost is \$49 for the general public, \$35 for MSUM staff and faculty.

Call the MSUM Continuing Studies office to register, 477-5862 or email contstdy@mnstate.edu.

SUMMER BREAK SPECIALS ON OUTDOOR RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Done with finals? Ready to go camping outdoors? Stop by the Comstock Memorial Union's Recreation and Outing Center to reserve your summer equipment for a three-week rental period. The following items are priced half off from May 13 through June 2. Rented items need to be picked up at the ROC by 4:30 p.m., May 14 and brought back to the ROC on Wednesday, June 2nd between 9:30a.m. and 4:45p.m. Below are the summer break prices:

Kayak Package \$60
Canoe Package \$37
Mountain Bikes \$19
Roller Blades \$19
Tents \$17
Sleeping Bags \$7.50

For more information call 477-2265 and ask about the summer break special.

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* **Abbas Pezeshk**, Chemistry, published an article recently in the Journal of Life Sciences (Volume 26, pp 2423, 2004) entitled: "The Effects of Ionizing Radiation on DNA: the Role of Thiols as Radioprotectors." The study concluded that the primary effect of thiols is to capture radicals and thus could either prevent or repair radiation damage to DNA. This research was supported by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

* **Tim Harms, Tim Peil, and Barb Rath**, Mathematics, attended the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics Spring Conference April 29-May 1 in Duluth, Minnesota. Tim Harms presented a talk titled "What are the Basics in Mathematics Needed for College Success?" Tim Peil presented a talk titled "Recent 'Ancient' History." Also, Louisa Maus (Secondary Math Education Student) and Heather Lindberg (recent MSUM graduate) presented a workshop titled "Geometry: How Can I Use It?". Heather and Louisa were delegates to the MCTM delegate assembly on April 30.

* **Michael Paul Gallo**, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, presented at the Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children conference held in Kansas City, Mo., from April 22-24th. His session, "Confessions of a Madman: Insights into Living and Coping With ADHD" included insights, research, and strategies relating to one of today's most commonly diagnosed childhood disability.

* **Jim Kaplan**, Languages and Cultures, attended the Steering Committee meeting of MnSCU's Center for Teaching and Learning held in St. Paul on May 6.

CLASSIFIEDS

* **House for sale:** 901 11th St. S. (catty-corner from Owens Hall), classic two-story built in 1925 with close to 2,000 square feet of space, plus basement. \$154,900. Call Mary Vigen at 701-367-3905.

* **House for rent:** 3+ bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, hardwood floors, detached garage. Laundry facilities included. \$775/mo. Available July 1st. 1415 4th St. S. Moorhead. Contact Gayle at 236-8520 or johnsoga@mnstate.edu.

* For Sale: Two **Moorhead State University beer mugs**. They are the 1887 to 1987 Centennial mugs with gold trim. One is about 12 oz for \$9 and the 16 oz is \$14.50 or both for \$20. Call Mary Jane @ 477-4646 or 498-2729.

* Need a **house-sitter** this summer? Two MFA students have most weekends available. Will care for house, children, pets, gardens / plants, etc. MSUM references available. contact Andrew or Angela at (218) 287-4108 for more information.

* **Editor / research assistant available** this summer. If you have a book or a project you could use assistance on, please call Angela at (218) 287-4108. MSUM and local references available. Reasonable rates.

* **Pine Cottage on Big Twin Lake for Rent** (by day or week), 15 min East of Detroit Lakes. 3 bedrooms, Sun Room w/ hide-a-bed, living room, kitchen, 1 bath, dock, corral, on 1 acre. Call Kim at (701) 729-6417.

* **Twin Home for rent in Eagle Run.** Nice, quiet, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, living room, dining area, yard. Washer / Dryer, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Microwave included. Call Kim at (701) 729-6417.

* **Furnished house for rent:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, very close to campus. \$825/month. Hardwood floors, laundry facilities, pets okay, fenced yard, screened-in front porch. Starting date negotiable, available Summer 2004--Aug. 2005. Contact Maureen or Patrick at 287-8967 or walshpa@mnstate.edu.

VACANCIES

* **Associate registrar**

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0445p.pdf

* **Assistant registrar**

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0446p.pdf

* **Assistant director of financial aid**

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0428p.pdf

* **Chemical health educator**

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0456p.pdf