

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD NEWSLETTER

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## **\$60,900 GRANT CONNECTS TEACHERS, STUDENTS AT MSUM & DETROIT LAKES H.S. FOR RESEARCH ON HOW CELLS MOVE**

Biochemistry and biotechnology program faculty Joseph Provost and Mark Wallert received \$60,900 in grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to bring high school teachers and students to MSUM to research how lung cells move.

For the next two years, faculty and students at Detroit Lakes High School and MSUM will work on a project which investigates how proteins found at the surface of the cell regulate cell movement. The teachers and high school students will work with the genes for a membrane protein called the sodium hydrogen exchanger and determine how other proteins stick to the this protein at front edge of a moving lung cell. The Detroit Lakes High School team will be partnered with faculty and students from MSUM to plan and work on the experiments.

The MSUM professors put together the project to support a collaborative research program for five weeks during the two summers and to create a workshop to bring biochemistry and biotechnology to the local high school. Its goal is to build connections between teachers and students in secondary schools and colleges.

The project also includes considerable research collaborations during the school year plus the development of a workshop to teach biochemistry and biotechnology skills to classes at Detroit Lakes High School next spring.

The project involves Wallert and Provost and two teachers from Detroit Lakes High School, Vicki Welke and Stan Richter, along with two students from Detroit Lakes and one from MSUM.

The grant includes funds to purchase equipment and reagents for their continuing collaborative research both on campus and at Detroit Lakes High School.

## **THE JAMES SEWELL BALLET CLOSSES OUT MSUM'S PERFORMING ARTS SERIES SATURDAY**

The James Sewell Ballet, a Twin Cities ensemble of eight dancers that performs innovative works that explore the technical boundaries of ballet, will be on stage at MSUM's Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 as a feature of the university's Cheryl Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series. For tickets, call the MSUM box office at 477-2271.



The popular dance troupe, the last feature in this year's Performing Arts Series at MSUM, has performed in Fargo-Moorhead several times. It is a frequent partner with the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the Guthrie Theater. Dance Magazine recently wrote: "The appeal of Sewell's company is...that his reverence for ballet is balanced by his eagerness to spoof it and his urge to explore outside its safe boundaries."

### **No afternoon events...**

### **BUDGET CUTS INTO CAMPUS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Due to budget constraints, President Edna decided it would be fiscally responsible and prudent to reduce the expenses and employee hours of set up and event staffing related to the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration held on the campus this summer. Therefore no midday events will be held.

The 10K Run and evening events will be held, but will use no University operating dollars. 2009 sponsorships and reserves from the 2008 event will be used. There will be some volunteer hours available prior to the event, and perhaps some in the evening as well. Please see the website for more information: [www.mnstate.edu/](http://www.mnstate.edu/)

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This is the schedule for 2009:

**Morning Events:**

8 a.m. 10K Run--register in Nemzek Hall, run begins on 6th Avenue, north of Nemzek Field, with Kid Trot to follow at Nemzek Field

**Evening Events:**

6:30 p.m. -- Concessions provided by MSUM Athletics—Nemzek Hall/Stadium

7 p.m. -- Patriotic Parade, Line up in Lot A

The Route begins at 14th Street and 9th Avenue, proceeds north to 6th Avenue, east to 17th Street, south to 9th Avenue and back to 14th Street.

7:30 p.m. -- Lake Agassiz Concert Band

7:30 p.m. -- Decorated Bike Parade – gather at the flagpole, Nemzek Field

8:30 p.m. -- Front Fenders

9:30 p.m. -- Patriotic Program “Home of the Brave“

9:45 p.m. -- Front Fenders resume

10:30 p.m.-- Fireworks Display

**DEANS’ LECTURE THURSDAY EXPLORES A LITERARY FEAST OF COLOR**

An MSUM Deans’ Lecture Series event on “In Living Color: How Reading American Literatures Together Enriches the Literary Feast” by Hazel Retzlaff from the English department starts at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in the Center for Business 111.

T.S. Eliot wrote that whenever a truly new literary work appears, it alters those that came before it. This means that Eliot’s “The Waste Land,” that icon of English literature, changes when placed beside the black American poet Robert Hayden’s “Middle Passage,” just as Walt Whitman’s “I Sing America” changes when compared to Langston Hughes’ “I, Too, Sing America.” Retzlaff’s talk uses the established practice of comparative literature to show the richness of American literatures that emerges when we read works by writers of different ethnic groups, genders, and sexual orientations side by side.

**WATCH FILM STUDIES FINAL SENIOR SCREENINGS FREE APRIL 30, MAY 1**

Film Studies will be holding its Senior Seminar Final Screenings/Presentations on April 30 and May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Weld Auditorium.

Both evenings will consist of final film projects (a mix of documentary, short dramatic narrative and experimental films) and research presentations.

These events are FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more info contact Tom Brandau at 477-2950 or brandau@mnstate.edu

**MSUM NURSING STUDENT WHO ATTENDED OBAMA INAUGURATION FEATURED IN VA MAGAZINE**

A Minneapolis Veterans Administration registered nurse Anne Stoefen (who’s now finishing her RN to BSN degree at MSUM) was one of 41 people from across the country invited to spend the inaugural weekend in Washington as personal guests of the Obama family.

Like many fellow travelers, she wore a button that proclaimed, “I was there!” Her button should have read, “I was really, really there!”

Stoefen, her father and three sisters rode the inauguration train to Washington, D.C., with the Obamas, observed the swearing-in from a VIP area, and danced alongside the Obamas at their first inaugural ball.

“Unbelievable,” said Stoefen as she recalled the trip.



As historic as the event was, it had even deeper personal meaning for her, mingling, as she put it, “excitement with sadness.” Stoefen’s mother, Beth Wehrman, also an R.N., was one of President Obama’s earliest supporters. She had met him years before while working with HIV patients at a nonprofit needle exchange

program she founded in Illinois. She died of pancreatic cancer last October, but campaigned for the president-to-be through the fatigue and nausea of her illness.

“She really believed in him and wanted to see him become president,” Stoefer said.

The Obamas kept in touch with Wehrman during her illness. She died hours after casting an absentee ballot for him. She didn’t make the inauguration, but President Obama made sure her family did. Both families shared memories and tears on the train ride to Washington. (Courtesy of Vanguard, published by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.)

### **NURSING RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM DAKOTA MEDICAL FOUNDATION**

MSUM has received a \$10,000 grant from Dakota Medical Foundation to support its Nursing program.

MSUM’s School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership consists of three departments that offer complementary coursework leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), Community Health (BS), or Health Services Administration (BS).

MSUM’s Nursing department offers several degree options: The RN to BSN track is for individuals who are licensed registered nurses (RN) with a diploma or associate degree and wish to earn a baccalaureate degree; the BSN track is a three-year program that prepares students to meet the requirements to take the national licensing examination; the master of science with a major in nursing prepares professional registered nurses for a specialty role as a nurse educator or an adult health clinical nurse specialist; and the doctor of nursing practice is a collaborative program for nurses with a master’s degree in nursing who wish to gain the advanced clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership competencies necessary in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo, N.D., focuses its efforts on improving health and access to medical and dental care in the region, with a special emphasis on children. Since 1996, the Foundation has invested over \$34 million to over 300 nonprofit organizations in the region. For more information, see [www.dakmed.org](http://www.dakmed.org).

### **MSUM STUDENTS RECEIVE MORE JOURNALISM AWARDS**

Five MSUM students collected 10 Eric Sevareid Awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association (NBNA), and [horizonlines.org](http://horizonlines.org), an online magazine produced under the direction of Reggie Radniecki, assistant professor of mass communications, received an award of merit for its Website.

MSUM collected more awards in the student market categories than any other college, 11, ahead of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (10) and Loras College, (9).

The following students received awards:

Nathan Matson, a junior from Twin Valley, received three 1<sup>st</sup> place awards in the radio category for pieces produced for Prairie Public Radio: “Ethanol Plant Pt. 1” for audio; “Ethanol Plant Pt. 1 & 2” for hard feature; and “Ethanol Bus” for soft feature.

Whitney Hay, a senior from Ray, N.D., received two awards of merit, one for television general reporting for “Camp Wilderness” for KVRN-TV and one for hard feature, “Student in the Guard,” for MSUM’s Campus News program.

Todd Kurtz, a senior from Aberdeen, S.D., received an award of merit for “Dodge for Cancer” for Campus News.

Michael Quinn, a 2008 graduate from Sisseton, S.D., received two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for “Facebook Phenomenon” for Campus News in the categories of broadcast writing and soft feature; and a 1<sup>st</sup> place award for the hard feature “Guns on Campus.”

Nathan Aamodt, a 2008 graduate from Horace, N.D., received an award of merit for “Campus News Sportscast” in the sportscast/program category.

The Campus News program is directed by Aaron Quanbeck, assistant professor of mass communications.

The NBNA is an organization, chartered in 1949, of radio and television journalists working in the six-state Upper Midwest region including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Eric Sevareid Awards includes 18 categories for radio and television, with markets divided into large, medium, small and student categories. NBNA's mission is to serve and improve the broadcast industry through educational and professional programs.

### **3RD ANNUAL SPRING 'POKER' WALK FOR FITNESS THURSDAY**

MSUM'S 3rd Annual MSUM "Poker" Walk For Fitness will be held on Thursday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The objective is to walk to each of the 7 MSUM departments listed below, draw a card at each, and try to acquire the best poker hand. The best 5 out of 7 or 9 cards can be used... Jokers are wild! **BONUS: Ask a MSUM colleague (who has not yet participated this year) to walk with you and both will receive 2 bonus cards at HR!**

Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 hands.

#### **PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS**

**Athletics Department, Nemzek 134**  
**Dragon Wellness Center, 14th Street – north door**  
**Bookstore, MacLean 176**  
**Information Technology, Library 201**  
**CMU Student Union, CU 115**  
**Physics Department, Hagen 307**  
**Human Resources, Owens 210**

Draw a card at each department... your name and card will be recorded. Keep your card and proceed to the other departments. You do not have to walk to all seven departments at one time, walk on your breaks or lunch hour. Human Resources MUST be the last department you walk to--before 4 p.m. You will draw your last card, and submit your best hand. You can also throw your name into the hat for numerous door prize drawings to be held at the conclusion of this walk, including a MSUM Sweatshirt donated by the MSUM Bookstore.

This is a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the MSUM campus and get some exercise to boot!

If you have questions, call Deb Lewis at 2158.

### **RED WEATHER RELEASE PARTY APRIL 30**

The release party for the 2009 issue of Red Weather, MSUM's annual literary magazine, starts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 at the Spirit Room in downtown Fargo.

Red Weather is a contemporary collection of prose, poetry and visual arts by MSUM students and alumni.

The contributors will read their poetry and prose featured in this year's journal. Refreshments will be provided, and free copies of Red Weather will be available at the release party and at various locations on and off campus afterwards.

For more information, visit [www.mnstate.edu/redweather](http://www.mnstate.edu/redweather).

### **FREE HEARING SCREENING AT CAMPUS SPEECH/HEARING CLINIC WEDNESDAY**

MSUM's Speech and Hearing Clinic is providing free hearing screenings on Wednesday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in accordance with International Noise Awareness Day. The clinic is located in Grier Hall. Screenings will be completed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 2286.

## **BIOCHEMISTRY, BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING, WIN TOP HONORS**

Five MSUM bioscience and chemistry students (Andrew Haak, Daniel Rastadt, Jenny Canine, Nicole Haverland, Craig Kutz) and faculty, (**Mark Wallert, David Rodenbaugh** and **Joseph Provost** ) presented their biochemistry and biotechnology research projects at the 2009 Federation of Experimental Biology National Meeting in New Orleans April 17-22. The students each presented their work at the biochemistry and physiology poster competition and at the main meeting with over 10,000 other scientists.

Kutz, Haak and Canine each earned an honorable mention award for their poster presentation. More than 140 undergraduates from research programs around the country presented their work on topics from cancer to biofuels to biochemical techniques. The poster judges were impressed with the work and the level of research and preparation of the students.

Provost finished his four-year term as chair of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology's Undergraduate Affiliate Network (ASBMB-UAN) Committee and Wallert completed his six-year term as Northwest United States co-director for the ASBMB-UAN. Both Provost and Wallert were appointed to the ASBMB's Accreditation committee where they will help design the national standards for biochemistry and molecular biology degrees.

Rodenbaugh was honored by his election to the American Physiological Society's teaching section steering committee. His role on the committee is planning symposia for the upcoming national meeting, coordinating and planning society events and serving as the society's treasurer.

## **INTERESTED IN TRAVELING AND STUDYING IN EUROPE?**

Interested in traveling and studying in Europe? Eurospring is the perfect way! Earn 12 credits and tour the European continent! Join us for cookies, pizza, and pop May 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the CMU 203. Previous "Eurospringers" will be there to help answer any questions you might have!

## **SEVENTEEN MSUM STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO DELTA MU DELTA**

Seventeen Minnesota State University Moorhead students earned membership to Delta Mu Delta for their academic excellence in preparation for careers in business.

Delta Mu Delta was founded as a national organization in 1913 to promote higher scholarship in training for business. Today there are 170 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States with more than 85,000 lifetime members. Only about 5,000 students are elected to lifetime membership in Delta Mu Delta each year. Business majors who rank in the top 20 percent of their junior, senior or master's degree classes are eligible.

Benjamin David Grimsley, Detroit Lakes, was awarded a \$200 scholarship by the local Delta Mu Delta chapter. The scholarship is awarded to the student who has demonstrated not only academic achievement but also organizational and leadership skills.

The following students were inducted into MSUM's Delta Mu Delta Chapter on April 19:

Beth Althoff, Raeanna Benjamin, Josh Buetow, Dayna Engberg, Maria Evglevskikh, Jennifer Fetting, Benjamin Grimsley, Detroit Lakes, Gwen Johnson; Mary Johnson, Amanda Lindseth, Zachary Lukes, Li Michael Martineau, Brandon Neigel, Michael Russell, Becky Schauland, Stephanie Schumacher and Jason Wisniewski.

## **STUDENT ART EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH MAY 13**

An MSUM student art exhibit will be on display April 27-May 13 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. The exhibit is in partial fulfillment of students' bachelor of fine arts degrees.

A reception for the artists will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in the gallery. It's free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

The following students are exhibiting:

Stephanie Sequin, ceramics

Jescia Hoffman, drawings and printmaking

Kristen Wieser, graphic designs  
David Mehrer, sculpture  
Carl Stewart, drawings and mixed media  
Katherine Young, graphic designs

### **2008-2009 DEADLINE and ALERT FOR 2009-2010**

If you have not completed your 2008-2009 financial aid application, the following items must be received by the MSUM Office of Scholarship & Financial Aid by May 7, 2009.

- \* Valid 2008-2009 FAFSA
- \* 2008-2009 Award Notice
- \* In addition, all loans for the 2008-2009 academic year must be accepted

ALERT FOR 2009-2010 AWARD NOTICES: Award Notices will be sent to your mnstate.edu email account in early June. Check this account often! A response is required to process loans.

### **2009 PULITZER PRIZE BOOKS AT MNSCU LIBRARIES**

The 2009 Pulitzer Prize winners and nominated finalists were announced last week. A complete list can be viewed at <http://www.pulitzer.org>.

The **prize for fiction** went to Elizabeth Strout's novel "Olive Kitteridge," which is available at Concordia. Publishers Weekly wrote: "Thirteen linked tales from Strout ("Abide with Me," etc.) present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. . . . the collection is easy to read and impossible to forget. Its literary craft and emotional power will surprise readers unfamiliar with Strout.

Lynn Nottage's drama, "Ruined," was awarded the **prize for drama**. "Inspired by interviews she conducted in Africa with Congo refugees, Nottage has crafted an engrossing and uncommonly human story with humor and song served alongside its postcolonial and feminist politics in the rich theatrical tradition of Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage." It is not yet in any MnSCU library.

Annette Gordon-Reed's "The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family" takes this year's **prize for history**. You can read more about it at [http://www.amazon.com/Hemingses-Monticello-American-Family/dp/0393064778/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1240255363&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Hemingses-Monticello-American-Family/dp/0393064778/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1240255363&sr=8-1) and you can get it from Concordia.

Concordia is also where you'll find a copy of this year's **winner for biography**, "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" by John Meacham. Publishers Weekly notes that Meacham brings "a writer's flair and the ability to relate his story without the incrustations of ideology and position taking that often disfigure more scholarly studies of Jackson."

This year's **prize for poetry** went to W. S. Merwin's "Shadow of Sirius," "among Merwin's best poems" writes Publishers Weekly. It is available through interlibrary loan.

What the Livingston Lord Library CAN provide direct and easy access to is the 2009 **prize-winner for general non-fiction**, "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II" by Douglas A. Blackmon. Again, Publishers Weekly: "Blackmon's book reveals in devastating detail the legal and commercial forces that created this neoslavery along with deeply moving and totally appalling personal testimonies of survivors. Every incident in this book is true, he writes; one wishes it were not so." You can find it at E185.2 .B545 2008.

Finally, the **prize for music** was awarded to Steve Reich's "Double Sextet". Should the library budget recover in a meaningful way, you'll be able to get the score here shortly afterwards.

--from Larry Schwartz, MSUM Librarian

### **JAZZ GUITAR ENSEMBLE PERFORMS APRIL 30**

MSUM's Jazz Guitar Ensemble will present a free public concert Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Fox Recital Hall.

Directed by Nicholas Fryer, the ensemble will perform selections by Wayne Shorter, Wes Montgomery and Chris McQueen, among others.

### **APAC MEETS TUESDAY**

The Academic Policy Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 3:00 p.m. in Owens 201.

### **AGENDA**

1. Approval of the 4-14-09 APAC Minutes\*

2. **Upper Level Writing Requirement Designations**

(The University Writing Committee has approved all the following courses as writing intensive)

International Studies Program\*

GEOS 320: Economic Geography (3 crs) effective Spring 2009

Languages and Cultures Department\*

SPAN 401: Advanced Spanish Grammar & Composition (4 crs) effective Spring 2009

3. **Minor Changes** – Courses Requesting Permanent Dragon Core Approval (previously approved as temporary by the Dragon Core Committee).

Anthropology and Earth Science Department\*

ANTH 110: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 crs) in the Inner Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity effective Spring 2009 (DC)

Corrick Center for General Education\*

CCGE 119: Contemporary Mathematics (3 crs) in the Foundation Four, DC 3: Mathematics effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Languages and Cultures Department\*

CHIN 132: Introduction to Chinese Culture (3 crs) in the Inner Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity effective Fall 2009 (DC)

JAPN 142: Introduction to Japanese Culture (3 crs) in the Inner Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity effective Fall 2009 (DC)

4. **Minor Changes** – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

Anthropology and Earth Science Department (pending UWC approval)\*

GEOS 315: Sedimentology and Stratigraphy (3 crs) effective Fall 2009 (W)

Corrick Center for General Education\*

CCGE 162: Introduction to Dramatic Art (3 crs) in the Inner Cluster, DC 6: The Humanities effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Economics Department\*

Cross list with Women's Studies:

ECON/WS 305: Poverty, Discrimination, and Inequality (3 crs) in the Middle Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity (will retain LS Div F1 through Summer 2009) effective Fall 2009 (W/DC)

English Department (pending UWC approval)\*

ENGL 388: Creative Writing (3 crs) effective Spring 2009 (W)

ENGL 487: Advanced Technical Report Writing (4 crs) effective Fall 2009 (W)

ENGL 488: Writing Capstone (4 crs) effective Spring 2009 (W)

ENGL 496: Literature Capstone Seminar (4 crs) effective Spring 2009 (W)

Health and Physical Education Department\*

(Teacher Preparation has approved the following designations)

HLTH 340: Health Methods and Materials (3 crs) effective Spring 2009 (W)

PE 310: Sport and Play in the U.S. (3 crs) effective Spring 2009 (W)

Languages and Cultures Department\*

SPAN 101: Beginning Spanish I (3 crs) in the Foundation Four, DC 1C: 1st Year Languages effective Fall 2009 (DC)

SPAN 102: Beginning Spanish II (3 crs) in the Foundation Four, DC 1C: 1st Year Languages effective Fall 2009 (DC)

School of Business\*

Remove ACCT 375 as a prerequisite for:

ACCT 460: Audit I (3 crs) effective Fall 2009

School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership (pending UWC approval)\*

NURS 347: Transcultural Nursing (3 crs) effective Fall 2009 (W)

School of Teaching and Learning\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following changes)

Change course title, description, and prerequisites:

ED 609: Educational Research II (2 crs) to ED 609: Action Research (2 crs) effective Fall 2009

Change prerequisites:

ED 632: Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning Theory (4 crs) effective Summer 2009

Women's Studies Program\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following)

WS 412/512: Seminar in Women's Studies (3 crs) (designated upper level writing requirement) effective Spring 2010 (W)

**5. Other Changes**

Biosciences Department\*

Increase course credits:

BIOL 322: Vertebrate Zoology (3 crs) to 4 credits effective Fall 2009

BIOL 347: Plant Physiology (3 crs) to 4 credits effective Fall 2009

School of Teaching and Learning

(Teacher Preparation has approved the following change)

Change rubric:

EECE 448: Reading Study Skills in the Content Areas (3 crs) to ED 448: Reading Study Skills in the Content Areas (3 crs) effective Fall 2009

School of Teaching and Learning

Special Education (all effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following changes)

Change course title, description, prerequisites, and increase course credits:

SPED 664: Theory of Consultation (2 crs) to SPED 664: Theory and Process of Consultation and Collaboration (3 crs)

SPED 670: Transitional Planning (2 crs) to SPED 670: Transitional/Career Education for Secondary Students (3 crs)

Masters in Special Education\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following changes)

Change course number, title, description, and increase course credits:

SPED 461/561: Learning Disabilities (3 crs) to SPED 455/555: Characteristics of Students with Learning and Behavior Problems (4 crs) effective Fall 2009

6. **New Courses** – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

School of Teaching and Learning\*

Special Education (tabled 4-14-09 APAC) (all effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council and Teacher Preparation have approved the following new courses)

SPED 431/531: Survey of Autism Spectrum Disorders (2 crs)

SPED 432/532: Identification and Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 crs)

SPED 434/534: Instructional Strategies for Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 crs)

SPED 435/535: Asperger Disorder: Instructional Strategies (2 crs)

SPED 436/536: Communication Strategies and Social Skills for Students with ASD (2 crs)

Masters in Curriculum and Instruction\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following new courses)

ED 423/523: Design of Online Instruction (2 crs) effective Spring 2009

ED 427/527: Emerging Technologies (2 crs) effective Spring 2009

Masters in Special Education and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following new course)

SPED 613: Diagnostic Teaching (3 crs) effective Fall 2009

## 7. **Program Changes**

College of Education and Human Services\*

The college will seek a waiver of the 120 credit degree cap from MnSCU for the following:

B.S. in Art Education

B.S. in English Education

B.S. in Music Education

B.S. in Social Studies

B.A. in Spanish Teaching

B.S. in Athletic Training

B.S. in Elementary Education

B.S. in Early Childhood Education

B.S. in Special Education

School of Teaching and Learning

Special Education (effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council and Teacher Preparation have approved the following)

New online undergraduate/graduate certificate program:

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Masters in Curriculum and Instruction (effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following)

Revision of the masters to create two emphasis areas:

Special Education

Literacy

Masters in Curriculum and Instruction (effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following)

Revision of the masters to create an emphasis area:

Technology

Masters in Special Education (effective Fall 2009)\*

(Graduate Council has approved the following)

Revision of the masters to create six emphasis areas:

Specific Learning Disabilities

Emotional/Behavior Disorder

Developmental Disabilities

Autism

Physical/Health Disabilities

## Early Childhood Special Education

### 8. Policies

College of Education and Human Services\*

Distinction in Engagement

School of Business\*

Revisions to Admission Policy (effective Fall 2009)

Students must complete at least 50% of their business credits (core plus major requirements), after being admitted to the School of Business.

The one-semester enrollment option will now be open only to transfer students.

University Studies (effective Spring 2009)\*

Change current statements regarding required minimum GPA in the partial major or rubric and the additional single rubric course work or area of concentration.

Current Wording:

Both the partial major or rubric and the additional single rubric or concentration must include courses with at least a 2.0 GPA. This has been interpreted as:

The GPA for the partial major or rubric will be at least 2.0 and

The classes used in the additional rubric or area of concentration will carry a minimum GPA of 2.0

Proposed Wording:

The GPA for the partial major or rubric and the classes used in the additional rubric or area of concentration will carry a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Writing Intensive Requirements (tabled 4-14-09 APAC) (effective Summer 2009)\*

Current Wording:

Freshmen:

Beginning Fall 2006, incoming freshmen must complete English 101 (or an approved alternative) plus four additional Writing-Intensive (W) courses.

Two Writing-Intensive courses. These courses must be in the Middle and/or Outer Cluster of the Dragon Core. At least one course must be at the 300 or 400-level.

Two additional Writing-Intensive courses. One course is at the 300- or 400-level and must be designated in the student's major or designated as a related requirement for that major. The other course can be at the 200-, 300-, or 400-level and may be designated by the major.

Revised Wording:

Freshmen:

Incoming freshmen must complete five writing intensive (W) courses at MSUM:

English 101 (or an approved alternative)

One W course in Dragon Core

One 300 / 400 W course designated by the major

Two more W courses at the 200 level or higher, only one of which may hold the rubric of the student's major.

If a student has multiple majors, the student must fulfill the University writing intensive course requirements as well as the writing-intensive requirements of each major.

Current Wording:

Transfers:

Beginning Fall 2007, incoming transfer students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or an AA degree must complete at least the designated Writing-Intensive (W) course in the student's major or designated by the major at the 300- or 400-level.

Revised Wording:

All Transfers:

Incoming transfer students must complete two writing intensive courses at MSUM:

One 300 / 400 W course designated by the major

One W course at the 200 level or higher, which may be designated by the student's major or program area.

If a student has multiple majors, the student must fulfill the University writing intensive course requirements as well as the writing-intensive requirements of each major

## Writing-Intensive Course Review Policy\*

University Writing Committee recommends the following effective Summer 2009:

Writing-Intensive courses be reviewed every 5 years from the date of original approval in order to retain the writing intensive designation.

New form for continuation of W-I designation

Suppress print discussion for courses not being taught during the next catalog cycle  
(handout at APAC)

\*indicates item can be viewed electronically at:

<http://www.mnstate.edu/acadaff/APAC/2008-2009APAC/apacagendasminutes.htm>

## **APAC MINUTES (February 24, 2009)**

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson, Borchers, Brisch, Conteh, Crockett, Ellingboe, Haak, Hammerschmidt, Hill, Jeppson, Mafla-Bustamante, Mouch, Sando, Schwartz, Walseth, Williams.

Absent: Blunsom, Clapp, Goodman, Hamrick, Holt.

1. Approval of the 2-10-09 APAC Minutes

Mouch moved. Conteh seconded to approve the 2-10-09 APAC minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Midgarden informed APAC that she will be meeting with one of the candidates for the Dean of the College of Social and Natural Sciences at 4:00 p.m. on March 10. She asked APAC members if they would like to have a short agenda that day and end early or if they would like to cancel the March 10 APAC. Consensus was to cancel and add a May meeting if necessary.

### **2. School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership**

Mouch moved. Ellingboe seconded to approve the following credit correction:

NURS 704: Clinical Prevention and Population Health was approved as a new 3 credit course at the 5-2-06 APAC, however, this was a typing error and course should have been approved as 4 credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Minor Changes – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).**

Economics Department

Change course description and prerequisites:

ECON 300: Global Economic Issues (3 crs) effective Fall 2009

There were no concerns, approved as announced.

History Department

Change course title and course description:

HIST 304: Africa II (3 crs) to HIST 304: Africa in World History (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 8: Global Perspective effective Fall 2009 (course will retain LS Div F designation) (DC)

There were no concerns, approved as announced.

Languages and Cultures Department

CHIN 390: Cultural Tour of China (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 8: Global Perspective effective Spring 2009 (DC)

There were no concerns, approved as announced.

Mass Communications Department

Change course title, course description and prerequisites:

MC 405: Computer-Assisted Reporting (3 crs) to MC 405: Writing for the Web (3 crs) effective Fall 2009  
There were no concerns, approved as announced.

**4. Other Changes** – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

Art and Design Department (tabled 2-10-09 APAC)

Wil Shynkaruk was present to answer questions.

Hill moved. Conteh seconded to remove the motion to increase course credits, change course number, course level and course description from the table and approve:

Art 298: Gallery Management (1-2 crs) to ART 398: Gallery Management (3 crs) effective Fall 2009

Motion carried unanimously.

English Department

(The Graduate Council has approved the following new course)

Hill moved. Haak seconded to approve the following new graduate level course:

ENGL 417/517: Issues of Death and Grief: Creative Non-Fiction of Life and Loss (3 crs) as a Graduate course effective Fall 2009 (course was previously approved as a new undergraduate course)

Motion carried unanimously.

History Department

Henry Chan was present to answer questions.

Conteh moved. Hill seconded to increase course credits, change course title and course description:

HIST 220: Asian-American Culture (2 crs) to HIST 220: Asian-American Experience (3 crs) in the Middle Cluster, DC 7: Human Diversity effective Spring 2010 (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

School of Teaching and Learning

(The Teacher Preparation Committee has approved the following)

Teri Walseth and Mary Dosch were present to answer questions.

Mafla-Bustamante moved. Hammerschmidt seconded to change course description:

ED 294: Educational Psychology (3 crs) in the Middle Cluster, DC 5: History and the Social Sciences effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

Speech-Language-Science-Hearing Department (Speech-Language Pathology)

(The Graduate Council has approved the following)

Hammerschmidt moved. Ellingboe seconded to approve Removing the following from the curriculum effective Fall 2009:

SLP 626: Language Development and Disorder in Adolescents (2 crs)

SLP 641: Seminar in Child Language (2 crs)

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. New Courses** – University Writing Committee approval or Dragon Core Committee approval designated by (W) or (DC).

History Department (all effective Fall 2009)

Annette Morrow was present to answer questions.

Hill moved. Mafla-Bustamante seconded to approve the following new courses:

HIST 383: Ancient Near East I: Greece (4 crs)

HIST 384: Ancient Near East II: Rome (4 crs)

HIST 385: History of Christianity (4 crs)

HIST 386: Muhammad and the Origins of Islam (3 crs)

HIST 387: History of Byzantium (3 crs)

HIST 389: History of Ancient Israel (3 crs)

Discussion:

Schwartz stated that the library does not have enough resources to support these classes. Morrow explained that she would be relying on interlibrary loan and journal articles. She has taught all these courses as topics

and students did not have problems accessing material. There are also required textbooks for each class. Schwartz argued that when students get all their materials elsewhere for a course, it makes a statement about the quality of our library. Midgarden replied that the Tri-College interlibrary loan system was created to be a pool of resources without duplication of materials.

Motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

#### Paralegal Department

Judy Streich was present to answer questions.

Brisch moved. Williams seconded to approve the following new course:

PARA 201: You and the Law (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Political Science Department/International Studies Program

Andrew Conteh was present to answer questions.

Hill moved. Mafla-Bustamante seconded to approve the following new course:

POL/INTL 364: International Migration (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 8: Global Perspective effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

Hill moved. Ellingboe seconded to approve the following new course:

POL/INTL 370: Understanding International Security (3 crs) in the Outer Cluster, DC 8: Global Perspective effective Spring 2010 (DC)

Discussion:

Hammerschmidt inquired why the form asks questions about faculty load if APAC is not supposed to act on faculty load.

Jeppson indicated that the load questions are more for deans than APAC. There were several suggestions to revise the form to avoid confusion.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Sociology and Criminal Justice Department

Joel Powell was present to answer questions.

Brisch moved. Hill seconded to approve the following new course:

CJ 111: American Criminal Justice (3 crs) in the Foundation Four, DC 2: Critical Thinking effective Fall 2009 (DC)

Motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Program Changes

#### Art and Design Department

Wil Shynkaruk was present to answer questions.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

Brisch moved. Williams seconded to approve the notice that Art and Design will be asking MnSCU for a waiver of the 120 credit cap.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Economics Department (all effective Fall 2009)

Douglas Greenley and Gregory Stutes were present to answer questions.

Minor in Economics

Ellingboe moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the following changes:

Current:

ECON 300: Global Economic Issues (3 crs) is a Requirement

ECON 425: International Trade and Finance (3 crs) is an Elective

Proposed:

ECON 300: Global Economic Issues (3 crs) OR ECON 425: International Trade and Finance

Motion carried unanimously.

B.A. in Economics and B.A. in Economics emphasis in Business Economics

Mouch moved. Hammerschmidt seconded to approve the following changes:

Remove from Requirements:

ECON 300: Global Economic Issues (3 crs)

Remove from Electives and add to Requirements:

ECON 425: International Trade and Finance (3 crs)

Motion carried unanimously.

Film Studies Department (all effective Fall 2009)

Tom Brandau was present to answer questions.

B.A. Degree in Film Studies - Emphasis in Film History and Criticism and Emphasis in Film Production (Total credits remain the same, Core Requirements decrease from 26 credits to 23 credits and the Emphasis Requirements increase from 26 credits to 29 credits)

Hill moved. Mafla-Bustamante seconded to approve the following changes:

Remove from the Core Requirements:

FILM 270: Introduction to Telecommunications and Film (3 crs)

Add to the Emphasis Electives for both Film History and Criticism and Film Production

FILM 270: Introduction to Telecommunications and Film (3 crs)

FILM 290: Topics in Film (1-3 crs)

Motion carried unanimously.

Hill moved. Conteh seconded to approve the following changes:

Remove from the Film Production Emphasis Requirements:

FILM 485: Advanced Filmmaking (3 crs)

FILM 401: Technical Training Advanced Filmmaking (1 cr)

Add to the Film Production Emphasis Electives:

FILM 485: Advanced Filmmaking (3 crs)

FILM 401: Technical Training Advanced Filmmaking (1 cr)

Motion carried unanimously.

International Studies Program (all effective Fall 2009)

B.S. International Studies Emphasis in Development (no change to total credits)

Brisch moved. Hill seconded to approve the following changes:

Add the following course to the Restricted Electives:

HIST 300: Introduction to Historical Methods (3 crs)

Add the following courses to the electives:

ANTH 308: Migration and Human Adaptation (3 crs)

POL/INTL 364: International Migration (3 crs)

HIST 373: Monsoon Asia: People and the Environment (3 crs)

HIST 379: Global Environmental History (3 crs)

Motion carried unanimously.

B.S. International Studies Emphasis in Diplomacy (no change to total credits)

Williams moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the following changes:

Remove the following courses from the Requirements:

HIST 318: Modern Germany (4 crs)

HIST 325: Modern France (4 crs)

Add the following courses to the electives:

POL/INTL 370: Understanding International Security (3 crs)

HIST 324: 20th Century Europe (4 crs)

HIST 304: Africa in World History (3 crs)

Add the following course to the Restricted Electives:  
HIST 300: Introduction to Historical Methods (3 crs)  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mathematics Department (all effective Fall 2009)  
Ellen Hill was present to answer questions.

Mouch moved. Conteh seconded to approve the new MDEV rubric for developmental mathematics courses.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mafla-Bustamante moved. Haak seconded to approve the following new course:

MDEV 102: Mathematical Concepts (4 crs)

Discussion:

Hill indicated that the course is designed to prepare students for MATH 102. Currently students have to take a prep class at MSCTC. A lot of those students decide to stay at MSCTC so having this class here will help keep students at MSUM. The course will count for college credit.

Williams expressed concern about giving college credit for a remedial course. Hill explained that in order to reduce the number of semesters of math students are required to take, this course condenses two semesters into one semester of prep for MATH 102. All the universities, except St. Cloud State, give college credit for their math prep course.

Motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

Mouch moved. Conteh seconded to approve changing the course rubric, number, and title and increasing course credits:

PDEV 100: Intermediate Algebra (3 crs) to MDEV 127: Intermediate Algebra (4 crs)

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Jo Berg

## MISCELLANEA

\* **Tony Adah**, Film Studies, recently attended the 2009 Cinefest in Syracuse, N.Y. Adah and two film students spent three days at this annual conference, where film professionals, academics and enthusiasts gather to screen classic and rarely seen films, present scholarly research and attend workshops. Cinefest is one of the more important conferences concerning Silent Era film archiving, restoration/preservation work and academic research. Adah and the attending students intend to write and publish a paper concerning certain aspects of the conference. Film Studies faculty and students have been attending the Cinefest conference annually since the early 1970s.

\* The MSUM Office of International Programs and the department of Languages and Cultures organized **a spring break trip to Paris** from March 13 to March 21. Nineteen students and two faculty members participated in the tour, plus their guide, Professor Emeritus of French Jim Kaplan. The group stayed in a charming 17<sup>th</sup>-century hotel in the heart of the Latin Quarter. Each day they enjoyed excursions to Paris' cultural attractions, the Louvre, The Arc de Triomphe, the Musee d'Orsay, Versailles, Notre Dame, etc. The students also had a lot of fun shopping, visiting the Moulin Rouge, Montmartre, The Catacombs and the Pere Lachaise Cemetery to see Jim Morrison's grave. The week in Paris wound up with a banquet in one of Paris' renowned restaurants. Two credits were available in the course French 290, "Discovering Paris," and the students did original projects that featured their personal or career interests. This is the fourth year in a row that this program has been offered.

\* **Pam Werre**, Public Services Librarian, has been named the editor of the new Children's Literature section of the online version of the Guide to Reference, a publication of the American Library Association. The Guide to Reference, formerly Guide to Reference Books, has a long history in print as a core publication of librarianship in the United States. This new Guide is the first to be published electronically and the first to engage the Web as a medium for reference publishing and services.

\* **Kaylyn Gerenz**, an advanced sculpture student in the Department of Art & Design, has just received a \$2500 scholarship to study art at the Penland School of Crafts. Located in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, the Penland School is a world-renown art school where people from all walks of life immerse themselves in the creation of art through materials, processes, and techniques. She will spend three weeks studying under textile artist Pam Blotner of San Francisco.

## **VACANCIES**

### **Area Director**

<http://www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0927P-Area%20Director.pdf>

## **MSUM Summer 2009 Events & Activities**

### **MSUM Regional Science Center Buffalo River Site**

[www.mnstate.edu/regsci](http://www.mnstate.edu/regsci)

The Buffalo River Site is located 16 miles east of Moorhead, off Highway 10. It is adjacent to the Buffalo River State Park and one of Minnesota's largest prairie preserves, The Nature Conservancy's Bluestem Prairie. The Buffalo River Site is open from 6 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Entrance fees for public events, star parties, and to the site and interpretive center is free.

### **Solar Spectacular**

**June 14 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

Sometimes we forget that the sun is a star. By studying it we can learn about its more distant cousins. Our star, Sol, affects our planet in many ways--some obvious and others not so obvious. Come and look at the sun through a specially filtered telescope. Special activities for the whole family will help you to learn more about this shining member of our solar system.

### **Bird Banding Open House**

**July 25 • 8-10 a.m.**

Wake up early, grab your mosquito spray and check out our bird-banding program. The Science Center's participation in the Mapping Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) bird-banding program is in its 10th year. We will start with a tour of our Interpretive Center's Bird Observatory, an introduction to MAPS and then it's off to observe our citizen scientists at work as captured birds are identified, aged, sexed, banded and released.

### **Star Party on the Prairie**

**August 21 • 9-11 p.m.**

We're having a star party on the prairie and you are invited. Come and have the beautiful summer sky interpreted for you. Learn how to find the constellations. See the Milky Way, nebulae and star clusters through our telescopes. Perhaps we will see some meteors. Bring your own binoculars or telescope, if you wish, and enjoy the prairie at night. If it is cloudy we will have a short indoor presentation at 9 p.m.

### **Interpretive Center Open House**

August 23 • 2-4 p.m. • Guided prairie hike at 3 p.m.

Join us for an open house at the Regional Science Center's Buffalo River Site. Tour the prairie displays in the interpretive center before you venture onto the prairie to view the "Cluster of Grasses" art sculpture and visit a prairie pothole. You will learn about the center's efforts to improve the "prairie-ness" of the grasslands of the Buffalo River Site.

### **Interpretive Center Open House**

**September 20 • 2-4 p.m. • Prairie seed collecting at 3 p.m.**

Come to Regional Science Center's Buffalo River Site for some hands-on learning about Minnesota's native prairie grasses and wildflowers. Enjoy a peaceful hour picking seed for the center's prairie restoration program. You'll learn why the prairie ecosystem is important and help to improve the center's prairie landscape. Be prepared to walk over uneven ground.

## **MSUM Regional Science Center Planetarium**

[www.mnstate.edu/regsci](http://www.mnstate.edu/regsci)

The planetarium is located at 11th Street and 8th Avenue South on the MSUM campus in Bridges Hall 167. General admission is \$3; children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College students are \$1.50. For more information, call 218.477.2904.

### **Summer Planets**

**June 4-25 • Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

The sun sets late over the Red River Valley in June. But there are still opportunities to observe the night sky. This month we will learn how to use a star map and where to find the bright naked-eye planets in the

summer sky.

### **Our Moon**

#### **July 2-30 • Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

The full moons of summer ride low in the sky. They often appear larger than the full moon at other times of the year. Come and learn more about our closest neighbor—its phases, features and lore and learn how to use a star map to identify summer stars and constellations.

### **Our Moon Telescope Viewing**

#### **July 30 • Thursday 8 p.m.**

A special telescope viewing of the summer moon will be held in conjunction with the July 30 planetarium show. Guests are invited to see “Our Moon” in the planetarium first, and then join the volunteers and staff on the MSUM campus where telescopes will be set up to enjoy the moon in its summer splendor. Regular admission prices will be charged for entrance to the Planetarium, but the telescope viewing will be free. If it is too cloudy to view the outdoor sky, the interpretation program will not be held.

### **Catch a Falling Star**

#### **August 6-20 • Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

Summer is one of the best times of the year to catch a “falling star.” There are several meteor showers that occur during July and August. But you don’t need an umbrella to observe them! Come and learn more about these fascinating objects. Perhaps you will even get to hold a real “shooting star!”

### **College for Kids**

MSUM is offering College for Kids for kids ages 8-14 July 13-16 and again July 20-23. A variety of classes will be offered, ranging from magician tricks, the solar system and Spanish, to architecture, art and crazy chemistry. The 1-1/2 hour classes run from 8:30-10 a.m., and the 3-hour classes run from 8:30-11:50 a.m., both Monday through Thursday. Class fees vary. For more information, contact MSUM Continuing Studies at 218.477.5862 or e-mail [contstdy@mnstate.edu](mailto:contstdy@mnstate.edu) or visit the website <http://www.mnstate.edu/collegeforkids/>

### **Summer Algebra Institute™**

MSUM is offering the Summer Algebra Institute™, a weeklong, half-day math enrichment program for kids entering 3rd-6th grades that runs July 27-31. Open to average and gifted students, the program establishes an enduring grasp of foundational algebra concepts like variables, powers and factoring, using hands-on activities and games. Class fee is \$195. For more information, contact MSUM Continuing Studies at 218.477.5862 or e-mail [contstdy@mnstate.edu](mailto:contstdy@mnstate.edu) or visit the website [www.mnstate.edu/continue](http://www.mnstate.edu/continue) and click children’s enrichment programs.

### **Summer Discovery Camp**

MSUM is offering Summer Discovery Camp for students who have completed 7th, 8th or 9th grades. The week-long resident camp runs June 15-19 and includes investigating rivers, creeks and ponds; observing plants growing, bugs transforming and mold decaying; and exploring new ways of getting energy to power our planet. Camp cost is \$500, but many full and partial scholarships are available. For more information, contact Shawn Ellingboe, outreach coordinator, at [ellingboe@mnstate.edu](mailto:ellingboe@mnstate.edu) or 218-477-5836 or visit the website <http://www.mnstate.edu/csnsoutreach/>

### **Motorcycle Training**

MSUM offers basic and advanced motorcycle training on the MSUM campus and in Fergus Falls. A variety of dates and times are available. Basic classes (14.5 hours) usually run on a one-weeknight, two-weekend-day schedule. Weekday and evening classes are available in June. Advanced classes (5 hours) run on weekends and weeknights. The basic course costs \$160. The advanced course costs \$55. For more information, contact MSUM Continuing Studies at 218.477.5862 or e-mail [contstdy@mnstate.edu](mailto:contstdy@mnstate.edu) or visit the website [mnstate.edu/continue](http://mnstate.edu/continue) and click Motorcycle Safety Training 2009.