Select Mission and Goals of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

The University of Wisconsin Colleges is a multi-campus institution that prepares students for success at the baccalaureate level of education, provides the first two years of a liberal arts general education that is accessible and affordable, and advances the Wisconsin Idea by bringing the resources of the University to the people of the state and the communities that provide and support its campuses.

Important Dates to Remember

**November 28-29**—Thanksgiving Break

**December 3**—Speaker Series Presentation (7 PM, Wombat Room)

**December 12**—Collegium (Noon, Room 1202)

**December 13**—Last Day of Fall Semester Classes

**December 14**—Fall Semester Study Day

**December 16-20**—Fall Semester Final Exams

**December 30**—Deadline for Grades to be Entered in PRISM

**January 4**—Deadline for Submission of Activity Reports

Associate Dean’s Newsletter

Redesigning Developmental Mathematics Conference

—Janette Miller

Campus Involvement with Redesigning Developmental Mathematics

Janette Miller, UW Colleges Developmental Math Coordinator and Senior Lecturer of Mathematics, organized and presented at “The Path to Redesign: Institutional Factors that Impact Redesigning Developmental to General Education Level Mathematics” Conference held on October 11-12 at UW-La Crosse. This was the first of two course redesign conferences for the UW System, supported by the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin Grants Program.

Janette and Ed Stredulinsky, Professor of Mathematics at UW-Rock, worked in collaboration with other faculty and staff from several of the 4-year institutions to bring together 60 administrators, instructors, and support personnel from across the UW System as conference teams to discuss and learn about the many facets involved in redesigning and reforming instructional practices for delivering developmental and competency-level mathematics. The conference was a great opportunity to gain an overview of course redesign, to hear about some of the redesigns and high impact practices that have been underway in the UW System, and to hear administrators and instructors involved in redesign discuss the various challenges they have faced and innovative ways they have dealt with obstacles.

Janette presented the results of our campus’s developmental math redesign project and also participated in a panel discussion regarding major issues or obstacles for course redesign encountered in the UW System. Dean Joseph-Silverstein also participated in a panel discussion providing input on developmental math from an administrative perspective.
Conference Presentation
—Ann Mattis & Val Murrenus Pilmaier

Ann Mattis, Assistant Professor of English, presented at the Midwestern Modern Language Association Conference in Milwaukee in early November. She presented a paper on: “Crafting a Black Modernist Aesthetic out of Conditions of Labor”.

Ann also directed a workshop on pedagogy at the conference. This workshop featured people from the UW Colleges English Department, including our own Valerie Murrenus Pilmaier, Assistant Professor of English and Campus ESFY Coordinator/Institutional Assessment Coordinator. This workshop was specifically for graduate students on the topic of: “What I Wish Someone Had Told Me: Best Practices in Literature, Creative Writing, and Composition Pedagogy.”

Book Chapter Publication—Leah Strobel

Leah Strobel, Lecturer of Spanish, has a book chapter being published soon. The title of her book chapter is: “The Cool, the Quick, and the Erotic: Outrunning Identity in Rita Indiana Hernández’s La Estrategia de Chochueca.” This chapter will be included in the book: New Readings in Latin American and Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies.

Senate Committee Participation—Harald Schenk

Harald Schenk, Associate Lecturer of Astronomy, will be serving on the Teaching Awards UW Colleges Senate Committee. Members of this committee are selected each year by the Senate Steering Committee according to the following criteria: 5 total members, 4 Faculty members and 1 Instructional Academic Staff member with outstanding individual teaching records. Congratulations to Harald for being the 1 IAS member of the UW Colleges selected for this role!

Collaborative Theater Production
—Ann Mattis & Thomas Campbell

In the Spring, Ann Mattis will be working with Thomas Campbell, Assistant Professor of Communication & Theater Arts and Theater Director, to put together a production of “The Vagina Monologues”.

Ann will also be leading the Campus Climate & Diversity Committee in putting together a Diversity Week Symposium in the Spring as well.

Common Read Lectures, Speaker Series Presentations, & Thinking Out Loud TV Segments

This year’s Common Read Lectures and Speaker Series Presentations have been a great success bringing together UW-Sheboygan faculty, staff, students, and community members to learn about and explore interesting topic areas. In addition, the Thinking Out Loud TV Segments thus far have provided another opportunity for our faculty to help educate our surrounding community in areas of their expertise. The Common Read Lectures, Speaker Series Presentations, and Thinking Out Loud TV Segments have all demonstrated how our campus community celebrates higher learning.

Thinking Out Loud TV Segments are now airing on TV-8. We can also view them under search type “Thinking Out Loud” through: http://www.wscssheboygan.com/programming/live-tv/.

Spring semester’s Speaker Series is set to include: Ann Mattis in February, Jackie Joseph-Silverstein in March, Joe Milicia in April, and Karl Byrand in May.