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

**February 15**—Sheboygan Rotary “Survey Says” Competition on Campus

**February 17**—Board of Regents Liaison Dr. Charles Pruitt Visit to Campus

**March 4**—Speaker Series Presentation (7 PM, Wombat Room) - “Understanding Adult Stem Cells and their Potential for Treating Disease” - Dr. Jackie Joseph-Silverstein

**March 12**—Common Read Lecture (Noon, Wombat Room) - “What Money Can’t Buy: The Price of Competing Values” - Dr. Hank Lindborg

**March 17-21**—Spring Break

**March 24**—Mid-Term Grades Due into PRISM

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Associate Dean’s Newsletter

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Play Premiere & Conference Presentation

—Thomas Campbell

Thomas Campbell is UW-Sheboygan’s Assistant Professor of Communication & Theater Arts and Theater Director. In January, his full-length play, “Descartes à la Mode,” premiered in Columbus, OH with Shots in the Dark Independent Theatre CO. The play focuses on the recovery from alcohol abuse/dependency and the challenges faced by those in recovery—in this case, the main character. On two of the production nights, the evening concluded with talkback sessions with Thomas, audiences, the director and the cast in which he was able to discuss the play, its inception and construction, as well as topics/themes/ideas the play addresses.

Related to the focus of his play, in March Thomas will be presenting a paper at the Mid-America Theatre Conference titled, “Revising Recovery: A playwright’s challenge to cultural assumptions of recovering from alcohol abuse/dependency.” The paper addresses the societal problems associated with depictions of alcohol abuse/dependency on the American stage by offering an overview of his process in writing a full-length play, “Descartes à la Mode.” In outlining this process the paper intends to offer other practitioners (playwrights as well as performers, directors, and designers) a narrative of how Thomas’s research into alcohol abuse/dependency reshaped his own conceptions of the disease commonly known as alcoholism and allowed him to re-envision my approach to the play nearly three years after its initial inception.

In association with the international V-Day organization and in line with their mission to end violence against women, Thomas and Ann Mattis (Assistant Professor of English) are co-directing “The Vagina Monologues” by Eve Ensler. The production will be presented to the public on February 12th at 7:30pm in the Fine Arts Theatre and features 18 women representing UW-Sheboygan faculty, staff, students as well as Sheboygan community members. All proceeds from the production will be donated to Safe Harbor.
Comedy Production—Rick Ponzio

Rick Ponzio, Associate Lecturer of Communication & Theater Arts, will be directing a comedy he wrote—Love in Naples. The comedy performance will be produced on the UW-Manitowoc campus this Spring, and will run May 9-12, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Manuscripts Review—Sherri Byrand

Sherri Byrand is a Senior Lecturer of English. Sherri edited the following manuscripts for lead author Josh Newell, Assistant Professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan:

“(Re)theorizing urban metabolism: A political industrial ecology of the energy footprint of the water supply for the city of Los Angeles” for submission to Geoforum

“The ‘Geographic Emission Benchmark’ Model: A baseline approach to measuring emissions associated with deforestation and forest degradation” for submission to Journal of Land Use Science

Conference Presentation
—Janette Miller & Synde Kraus

Janette Miller, UW Colleges Developmental Math Coordinator and Math Senior Lecturer, and Synde Kraus, Math Lecturer, presented “Redesigning Developmental Mathematics Using an Emporium Model” at the UW Colleges 19th Annual Developmental Math Conference and Workshop “New Approaches to Teaching and Learning Mathematics” held on January 23rd at UW Fox Valley, Appleton, WI.

The annual conference and workshop organized by the UW Colleges Developmental Mathematics Committee draws a variety of professionals from around the state who either teach mathematics or who provide support services to math students. There was a great turnout at the conference and two of the redesign models currently being used in the UW Colleges for redesigning the way mathematics is delivered were shared with attendees from 11 of the 13 UW College campuses.

On the Sheboygan campus, average calendar year success rates in both developmental courses, MAT090 Pre-algebra and MAT091 Elementary Algebra, have increased significantly since the new approach was launched using the Hawkes Learning System.

2014-2015 Teaching Fellowship Project
—Christy Talbott

Christy Talbott, Assistant Professor of Music, was awarded a UW Colleges Chancellor’s Teaching Fellowship. Christy plans to focus on the following through this fellowship:

While many professors begin careers with no formal training in education, most still take very seriously the skills necessary to teach. Some subscribe to periodicals in higher education, some read articles recommended via email, and others attend seminars and webinars. Given the void of formal classroom training in our graduate studies, could we as an institution better equip our fellow educators with a manual, a mini-course, or at least a starter kit for entering the classroom with some successful methods?

Initially, three projects came to mind: compiling a set of great articles to prepare a new faculty member, designing a mini-course in conjunction with an Associate Dean for orientation, and creating a set of one hour faculty workshops on various tenets of effective teaching.

Rocket Team Project—Harald Schenk

Harald Schenk is Associate Lecturer of Astronomy, who led this year’s UW-Sheboygan Rocket Team with the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC). Opportunities to join the team are advertised during the Fall semester, and then continue to the end of the Spring semester.

For the latest launch, the team must construct a rocket (budget of $1,000) that will stay as close as possible to a final altitude of 3,000 feet. It must safely descend, and be in reusable condition. The WSGC will supply a ‘black box’ altimeter to measure performance. Team members must develop an alternate way of collecting the information.

There are separate entries for engineering, and non-engineering teams. The winners get to split awards of several thousand dollars among the team members. The competition launch is April 5th at the Bong Air Base in Kenosha, WI. The top 3 teams will then compete in a regional competition in North Branch, MN on April 25-26.

Pet Acupuncture Coursework — Stephanie Evenson

Stephanie Evenson, Senior Lecturer of Biology, is starting a Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians course as part of her own professional development. The first part is online, and in April she will be doing hands-on clinical training in Colorado.

At the end of the training, Stephanie will have to take a certification test and then will be able to perform acupuncture on small animals such as dogs and cats.