Provost Faculty Communication - December 2010
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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for all your hard work during this semester! It was a semester full of accomplishments and great activities. It is, however, time to conclude this cycle, spend time nurturing ourselves and our families and renewing energies for the new year. I hope you enjoy your well deserved break and I look forward to seeing you in January. Please remember to visit the Faculty Professional Development Registration website to review the Learning Day activities and register for two sessions. Happy Holidays!

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Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs

What's in this issue

- Showcase - Join me in congratulating your colleagues for all their accomplishments!
- Final Grades Reminder – Deadline to submit all grades.
- Deans' Council - Be informed regarding the topics that the Council addressed at their last meeting.
- Academic Governing Council – Keep up-to-date on what was discussed at the December meeting.
- Emeritus Faculty Nominations – Opportunity to nominate an outstanding colleague.
- Opportunity to Serve – We are preparing for GRCC’s 100th Anniversary.
- Upcoming Events - A few campus events that you might enjoy.

Approved Courses

AR 108 Residential Building Codes and Standards

Faculty Showcase

Please take a moment to review the accomplishments and activities of your fellow faculty members at the Faculty Showcase webpage http://www.grcc.edu/FacultyShowcase -- Emily Nisley, Nick Antonakis, Robin Van Rooyen, Gilles Renusson, Pam Laureto, Deb Nordman, Amanda Brand, and Ellen Stuart. Please, join me in congratulating them. We are proud of you!

Final Grades Reminder

As we approach the end of the semester it is more critical than ever to make sure grades are turned in as soon as possible. Holiday shutdown leaves very little time to make students aware of their academic status through the Academic Standing process (academic probation and suspension notification). Grades for 14-week classes must be submitted by December 21. Grades for classes ending prior to the normal 14-week semester must be submitted 72 hours (3 work days) from the scheduled end date of those classes. If you need any assistance with this process, please contact your Associate Dean of Operations. I appreciate your cooperation making sure all grades are turned in on time.

Deans' Council

December 9, 2010

- Tina Hoxie, Lilly Anderson, and Fiona Hert presented on the Admission Cut-off Issue. They discussed issues that will contribute to the AGC presentation next semester.
- The following courses were approved to be developed online: MUS 173-Basic Studio Techniques 1, MUS 252-Music History 2, GH 107-Introduction to Health Care Careers, and MN 233-Injection Molding Theory.

For more details visit http://www.grcc.edu/deanscouncil

Academic Governing Council (AGC)

December 14, 2010

Several important decisions were made at this last meeting:
- New Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) were approved. Robert Long reviewed the proposed new ILOs that will replace the General Learning Outcomes (GLOs). Details are on the AGC website and watch for more information next semester.
- Athletic Oversight Committee charge/purpose was approved as proposed. Tina Hoxie updated the Council on the purpose of the team which is to review polices and guidelines related to athletics and the team would review the handbook before it is published. The team is to present periodic updates to AGC during the next semester.
- Sustainability Team leader, Moss Ingram, presented an overview of the development of sustainability at GRCC and asked the group to endorse the continuation of the development of a sustainability curriculum and to endorse the Climate Action Plan that commits the institution to become carbon neutral. Both motions carried.
- Eric Kunnen and Laurie Chesley presented updates on the two AQIP College Action Projects that they are leading. Eric included a summary
### Upcoming events

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Laurie presented an update about the project designed to improve the adjunct experience including the accomplishments for the year and the upcoming activities.

- Internationalizing the Curriculum - As a follow up to a previous AGC update, Aleta Anderson & Ric Underhile presented the proposal of the team regarding the next steps that include doing a capacity study and reconceptualizing what internationalization means for GRCC. AGC endorsed the proposed plan.

Please, consider visiting the AGC webpage for more details at [http://www.grcc.edu/agc](http://www.grcc.edu/agc).

### Emeritus Faculty Nominations

You are invited to submit a nomination for the GRCC Emeritus Faculty Award. This award was established in 1985 to honor those faculty members whose dedication and creativity have left an indelible mark on the lives of students and colleagues at GRCC. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2011.

For more details on nominating a retired faculty member see the [2011 Nomination Information](http://www.grcc.edu/agc).

### Opportunities to Serve

GRCC's 100-year celebration!
If you are interested in serving as part of the Steering Committee for this event send me an email. We need enthusiastic, creative, and passionate individuals to make this a great celebration.