Dear Colleagues:

As we prepare for this fall break and we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, I’d like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to each one of you for your dedication to serve our students. When you come back after this well-deserved break, we will head into the last stretch of the semester and between the exams, the meetings, and the holiday shopping we will not even realize that the year is already gone. I hope you get the chance to rest and relax and that you can come back energized to finish what has been a great semester!

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Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs

What's in this issue

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- Do you know? – GRCC mentioned in Campus Technology Magazine.
- Upcoming Events - A few events that you might enjoy in the coming weeks.

Approved Courses

CJ 123 -- Spanish for Corrections/Youth Services

Upcoming events

Things That Go Bump in the Night:

Showcase

Faculty Showcase
Please take a moment to review the accomplishments of your fellow faculty members at the Faculty Showcase webpage http://www.grcc.edu/FacultyShowcase -- Greg Forbes, Randy Sahajdack, Secchia Institute for Culinary Education, Pam Laureto, Maryann Lesert, Moss Ingram, Mike DeVivo, Filippo Tagliati, and Karen Walker. We are honored to serve along this outstanding group!

January Learning Day -- Wednesday, January 5

We are excited about the opportunity that this Learning Day will provide for all of us. The theme of this year's event is, A Celebration of Remarkable Teaching. The College seeks to host this event in a way that highlights especially noteworthy teaching, recognizing that great teaching and learning happen all over our campus. Watch your e-mail for more details.

Academic and Student Affairs Achievements: 2009/2010

I am pleased to share with you the 2009-2010 year-in-review document that highlights the combined achievements of the Academic and Student Affairs unit. The purpose of this document is to provide you with a comprehensive summary of the amazing activities that took place during last year plus a salute to the remarkable individuals that made them all possible. It is also an example of our strong sense of being accountable to you, and to our community, of the way we achieve our mission.

Follow this link to access the document 2009/2010 Achievements

Deans' Council

November 11

- Rick Olsen presented a draft of Strategies for Transfer Agreements. He will incorporate discussion points from the Council and present back to Prodeans. The purpose of this document is to facilitate the process to transfer or articulate courses and programs between us and four-year institutions.
- Kevin O'Halla updated the Council on IT’s latest projects and on the new agreement with Canon for printing services.
- Eric Kunnen and Ric Underhile updated the Council on the Academic Quality Improvement Project for Distance Learning. The presentation will now go to the Strategic Leadership Team for consideration as we develop the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan.
- Patti Trepkowski and Ric Underhile facilitated a discussion around the Revisions of the General Learner Outcomes including the next steps.
- The following courses were approved to be developed online: CLS 100-Introduction to College, CJ 245-Substance Abuse, and CJ 246-Alcohol Use & Abuse.

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

Academic Governing Council (AGC)

November 9

- Provost Update. Gilda Gely presented an update that included the new
An Introduction to Parasomnias
Wednesday, December 1, 1:15 - 2:45
Joseph Krainin, M.D.

Dr. Krainin is a sleep specialist and director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Saint Mary’s Health Care in Grand Rapids. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine and has a background in neurology. In this session, Dr. Krainin will provide an overview of the diagnosis and treatment of common disorders of arousal during sleep (parasomnias). Topics to be discussed include sleep walking, sleep eating, nightmares, and REM sleep behavior disorder.

Songs for the Holiday
A holiday concert presented by the GRCC Choral Ensembles
December 5 - 3:00 pm
St. Cecilia Music Center

Instrumental Ensemble Winter Concerts
December 12 at St. Cecilia Music Center
2:00 pm -- Orchestra; Guitar Ensembles; Small String Ensembles
4:00 pm -- Campus Band; Wind Ensemble; Mariachi and other small ensembles

courses that have been approved (CM 170 Energy Store Technology; ER 140 Introduction to Renewable Energy); and a highlight of the most recent Cabinet discussion items related to the Michigan Leadership Quality Award, the selection of the incoming class for the Leadership Institute and the Master Planning decisions. She also shared a few facts regarding enrollment for Fall 2010 as well as an appreciation for a number of activities and achievements that included the Peace and Reconciliation Conference, hosted by the Social Sciences Department; activities related to the One Book One College project; and the Math and Science Day for 7th and 8th graders sponsored by the DeVos Foundation among others. Gilda reminded the membership that during the October meeting the Board approved the new mission and related documents that include the mission, vision, values, and ends.

- **College General Education Distribution System.** Associate Deans Ric Underhile & Steve Abid reminded the group that back in the winter semester GRCC was charged with working on a process for the General Education distribution system. The team has identified the issues (GRCC currently does not have a process to determine where a course fits into the General Education distribution system; GRCC lacks a process to determine if a course fits into the General Education distribution; the College does not articulate the learner outcomes it expects students to achieve as a result of satisfying the General Education distribution requirements). The leaders also explained the next steps in the process. Please, visit the AGC webpage to access the entire presentation.

- **General Learner Outcomes.** Professor Robert Long presented a comprehensive summary of the history of the General Learner Outcomes (GLOs) at GRCC. The issue in front of AGC is the proposal to reformulate the outcomes from eight to four and start the process of assisting faculty as to how to assess them in their classes and the departments. Professor Long asked the group to send any comments or suggestions to him, but first share the proposed Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) with departments for discussion. There will be an upcoming vote for their adoption.

- **Application Cutoff.** Associate Dean Diane Patrick presented the scope of the committee that is considering the implications of incorporating a deadline for applications before the beginning of a semester. AGC was asked to share concerns and collected a number of them from the floor. Associate Dean Patrick shared with the group what several neighboring colleges are doing. She gathered additional information from the members and will be bringing a recommendation for a policy next semester.

- **Academic Policies: 8.8A Attendance: Faculty and 8.8 B Attendance: Students.** Professor Mike Light led a discussion regarding concerns and implications for both policies. Members were asked to send him additional comments that will be incorporated into the policy and will come back for a vote sometime next semester.

- **Bylaws Revision.** Professor Mike Light obtained support from the members to send an electronic survey to vote for the proposed bylaws.

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

**Strategic Leadership Team**
The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) met on Friday, November 12 for its second session. Agenda items included an update from Bob Partridge on the potential of Capital Outlay funding from the State to remodel Cook Academic Hall. The SLT also worked in sub-committees related to the Ends to identify potential indicators of success and action projects. The sub-committee work will continue on December 10th.

**Do you know?**

- That Campus Technology magazine and Seton Hall referred to GRCC’s custom Blackboard Photo Roster Building Block in this article: [http://bit.ly/bsYNsq](http://bit.ly/bsYNsq)