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Upcoming Dates

Legal Affairs Officers Meeting
April 8, 2010

Academic Affairs Officers Meeting
April 16, 2010

Chief Information Officers Meeting
April 19, 2010

State Relations Officers Meeting
April 20, 2010

Student Association of Michigan (SAM) Higher Education Rally

The Student Association of Michigan (SAM) held a rally at the Capitol and students from the public four-year universities attended the event. Their goal was to make legislators aware that higher education has to be a higher priority and that they should do the right thing when it comes to the budget and financial aid. The students also filled the Senate and House chambers during their sessions and met with their legislators.



Picture courtesy of Detroit Free Press.

You can learn more about SAM at <http://www.mistudents.org>

2010 Distinguished Professor of the Year Recipients Announced

The Distinguished Professor of the Year award is now in its fourth year, and it is one way for the Academic Affairs Officers to honor faculty members providing undergraduate education of the highest quality. This year's selection committee consisted of Susan Koch--NMU, Virinder Moudgil--OU, Donald Bachand--SVSU, and Howard Shapiro--WSU. The recipients are:

Dr. Karen Libman, Grand Valley State University

Dr. Libman is a professor in theatre and is known for making the study of theatre arts relevant to a liberal education. She is constantly exploring new ways of using the discipline to broaden the horizons of her students in the area of aesthetics, multicultural awareness, and social justice.

Dr. Libman received the 2007 Barbara Jordan Award at GVSU for her work with gender studies and women. She also been recognized nationally by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education for her work on Bard to Go--a traveling theatre class to promote cultural and educational dialogue.



Dr. Marcia Aldrich, Michigan State University

As an English professor at MSU, Dr. Aldrich has received numerous accolades for her teaching and leadership. In 1995, Dr. Aldrich received the MSU Excellence in Teaching and MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Awards.



Through her work with *The Red Cedar Review* as faculty mentor and *The Fourth Genre* as the editor, she has mentored an entire generation of students about the practicalities of publishing, preparing them for careers as writers, editors, and publishers. This semester she is at Scripps College as the Mary Routt Chair of Writing.

Dr. Perry J. Samson, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

As a professor of atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences, Dr. Samson has been acknowledged over the years as one of the University of Michigan's finest teachers. In 1995, Dr. Samson was named Thurnau Professor for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education and last year, he received the new Teaching Innovation Prize for his work with instructional technology.

When he is not in Greenland measuring climate changes or on the plains of the U.S. chasing down thunderstorms with his students, he can be found in the classroom connecting with his students using their computers. He has developed a software packaged called "Lecture Tools" for immediate hands-on learning for students.



A luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 13 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing to recognize these outstanding professors. To RSVP, please contact Robyn Cline at rcline@pcsum.org

State Financial Aid Concept Paper

Michael Boulus, Lori Vedder (Director of Financial Aid, UofM-Flint) and Al Hermsen (Director of Financial Aid, WSU) presented the PCSUM Financial Aid Directors' concept paper on state financial aid to the House Higher Education Subcommittee on March 23. The paper was well received and the Subcommittee's goal is to have further discussion about the concept of offering one need-based program for Michigan students. [Click here](#) to go to the PCSUM Issues & Advocacy web page to read the concept paper.

Recruiting Veterans for Michigan Universities

Executive Director Michael Boulus has been working with retired Major General Michael Lehnert and the Michigan Works Association to host a meeting of Michigan university leadership on May 12 at the Marine Corp Air Station Miramar in San Diego. The objective of this visit will be to recruit sailors and marines stationed in Southern California who will be leaving active service with the goal of enrolling them in Michigan universities under post 911 GI Bill. Our university officials would be able to stay at the Marine Corp Air Station Miramar at a cost substantially less than the hotels in San Diego. This also happens to be the fighter base where Top Gun was filmed. Mike Boulus is working with a project officer for the military. Should you have an interest in joining the group, please contact Mike at mboulus@pcsum.org and the military project officer for the visit, Casey Roberts at casey@roberts.net.

Glenn Mroz to Chair Presidents Council

Tech Today-March 16

President Glenn Mroz has been elected chair of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan (PCSUM). His two-year term begins July 1.



"It's an honor to serve as chair, especially with the changes that are sure to make life interesting in the next few years," Mroz said. "The upcoming election will bring new people to the Governor's office, one-quarter to one-third of the House of Representatives and three-quarters of the Senate. This presents a great opportunity for higher education--and the public universities in particular--to demonstrate their commitment and progress in advancing Michigan's economy."

Other elected officers include:

Vice-Chair, President Susan Martin, EMU
Secretary-Treasurer, President Eric Gilbertson, SVSU
At-Large, President Mary Sue Coleman, UMAA

Immediate Past Chair, President Thomas Haas, GVSU

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The LSSU Board of Trustees approved Dr. Tony McLain as the university's seventh president at a special meeting on Friday, April 2. He was named interim in June 2009 and given the full title of president in July 2009 with the understanding a nationwide search for a permanent fixture in the administration building. "I am honored by the appointment," McLain said. "Very honored." [Click here](#) to read the Sault Ste. Marie The Evening News article.



Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) Creates Listserv

The Michigan Department of Treasury and MCAN have created a MiCAP listserv. The listserv will be used to send out regular newsletters and communicate relevant updates on the Michigan College Access Portal (MiCAP) project as it is developing. To sign up for the listserv [click here](#).

Japanese Ministry of Education Delegates Visit with Michael Boulus

On March 16th, Michael Boulus met with members of the visiting delegation of the Japanese Ministry of Education. Mike shared with them information on Michigan's higher education system, policies and budgeting when it comes to facilities improvement at public universities as well as long/medium term programs for facilities improvement.

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Career Services Directors

The Career Services Directors met on March 15 to discuss employer outreach, recruitment activity, internships, and Mc-Ice/MI-Ace consolidation into MCEEA.

Analytical Studies Committee

The Analytical Studies Committee met on March 24 in Lansing and they focused on HEIDI, e-transcript and P20 Student Longitudinal Data System initiatives, university budgets and tuition. Michael Boulus also provided them with an update on the state budget process and legislative bills.