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Wilbur Honored by Michigan ACE Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education



Congratulations to Central Michigan University's VP for Government Relations and Public Affairs, Kathy Wilbur, for receiving the Distinguished Women in Higher Education Leadership Award from the Michigan American Council on Education (ACE) Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education. The Network's conference was held in June at Michigan State University and was hosted by Western Michigan University. The award, first presented in 2001, recognizes significant contributions women have made at Michigan's colleges and universities and their communities.

Upcoming Dates

Legal Affairs Officers Meeting
July 19, 2010

Alumni Directors Meeting
July 22, 2010

Citizens Petitions to Support Tax and Budget Reform and Term Limits Overhaul

The Center for Michigan is featuring a new web site where citizens can quickly sign up to support tax and budget reform and term limits overhaul.

To sign the petition(s) go to <http://www.michiganpetitions.org/>

MiVote.org and the Great Debates 2010

MiVote.org serves to empower the citizens of Michigan with the political information they need to make the important decisions necessary during the important upcoming elections. MiVote.org is a non-partisan, interactive, video-based website that informs and engages both the citizens of Michigan and the candidates running for every major political office. MiVote.org allows Michigan citizens to connect directly with candidates, share their opinions, debate fellow voters and upload their own opinion videos.

MiVote.org was launched during the 2008 Presidential campaign as a partnership between the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Detroit Public Television, as a way for students and others in the community to express their views on issues important to them in the ongoing campaign.

Included in the videos are The Great Debates 2010, which is an in-depth,

issues-oriented look at the candidates for governor and legislature.

The Presidents Council is one of 19 partners from across the state to provide:

- Three, one-hour gubernatorial debates
- 50, half-hour legislative debates
- Several multi-candidate legislative forums

The Great Debates program is expected to run from July through Election Day.

Detroit News Editorial: Don't Turn Community Colleges into Four-Year Schools

On June 21, 2010, the Detroit News ran an editorial asking the Michigan Legislature not to turn the community colleges into four-year schools.

To read the editorial: <http://tinyurl.com/2btctcs>

Motivate Michigan Winners

University of Michigan students Tarun Koshy and Nicholas Williams' idea, Thunder Down Under, a concept to put underwater power generation equipment throughout Michigan became the top winner of Motivate Michigan, a corporate-sponsored collegiate competition to generate ideas to improve Michigan's economy. The first place proposal won \$20,000 in scholarship money from sponsors.

Read more about Motivate Michigan [Motivate Michigan Winners](#).

Student Association of Michigan (SAM) Update

The Student Association of Michigan is proud to announce its executive board for the 2010-2011 school year:

- President: Cardi DeMonaco, Jr. of the University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Vice President: Kristin Dayag of Oakland University
- Secretary: Justin Brugman of Northern Michigan University
- Treasurer: Jason Davis of the University of Michigan-Dearborn

At its June meeting, held at the Presidents Council's office, SAM delegates organized surveys for the 2010 gubernatorial, senatorial, and house candidates. The survey gathers candidate opinions on higher education and their ideas for resolving the funding cuts. Once all responses are collected, the information is intended to be used in a non-partisan manner to educate student voters about the candidates.

Now heading into its 4th year, SAM is looking forward to expanding its public relations with state-wide action days on every university campus, publications for both students and legislators, and another rally in Lansing. Stay in the loop at SAM's website: www.mistudents.org!

PCSUM Welcomes New Provosts at CMU, LSSU, MTU, UofM-Flint, WSU

The Presidents Council welcomes new Provosts at the following institutions:

- E. Gary Shapiro, Executive Vice President/Provost who was serving as Interim Provost at Central Michigan University.
- Maurice Walworth, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lake Superior State University. Dr. Walworth was formerly the Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Economic Development at LSSU.
- Max Seele, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Michigan Technological University. Dr. Seele was serving as interim provost since January 2009.
- Gerard Voland, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan-Flint. Dr. Voland joins UofM-Flint from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne where he was the Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science and Director of the Center for Industrial Innovation and Design.
- Ronald Brown, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Wayne State University. Dr. Brown was previously the Dean of the College of Health Professions at Temple University.

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Academic Affairs Officers Retreat

The Academic Affairs Officers met in early June for their yearly retreat hosted by Provost Gary Shapiro at Central Michigan University. In addition to covering Academic Program Review, the Provosts discussed collective bargaining units, budget reductions, AAO Perspective Pieces, and proposed state legislation on community college baccalaureates.

Institutional Outreach and Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee met in June at the PCSUM offices to share and learn about what others are doing. They also discussed how they can help with collaboration on baccalaureate degrees with community colleges.

Admission Officers Retreat (DASUM)

Michael Boulus attended the DASUM retreat in Gaylord in early June to talk with them about legislative actions and the Michigan College Access Portal (MiCAP).

PCSUM Board

The Board met in late June at the PCSUM offices. The meeting kicked off with a discussion with Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, followed with discussion on legislative affairs, updates on the statewide longitudinal data system, 2010 Constitutional Convention Ballot proposal, 2010 Great Debates and MiVote.org, and the evaluation of the Detroit Compact and Wade McCree, Jr., Scholarship Programs.

Financial Aid Officers Conference (MSFAA)

Patricia Farrell attended the MSFAA Summer Conference where the financial aid community met at Crystal Mountain to learn more about Pell Grants, Regulation Z, direct loans and more. The four-year public universities met to discuss legislative actions including the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.



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