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Presidents Council Announces the 2011 Distinguished Professors of the Year

The fifth annual Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year Award recipients have been selected and four professors from Michigan's 15 public universities have earned this honor. All nominated professors will be recognized at the May 12 luncheon in Lansing.

"Higher education is one of the few good investments in these hard economic times," said Michael Boulus, Executive Director of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, "We need to honor those who continue to contribute to its success and produce well prepared and intelligent graduates of Michigan's 15 public universities. These outstanding professors are actively involved in developing the minds of Michigan's future, and deserve recognition for their work."

The Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year recognition program honors the outstanding contributions made by the faculty from Michigan's public universities to the education of undergraduate students. Each of Michigan's 15 public universities were invited by the Presidents Council to nominate a faculty member who has had a significant impact on student learning through various mediums, including work in the classroom and student advising. The 2011 recipients are:

Upcoming Dates

Academic Affairs Officers Retreat

University of Michigan-Flint
June 2-3, 2011

Public Information Officers Meeting

June 9, 2011

Student Affairs Officers Retreat

Wayne State University
June 15-16, 2011

Board of Directors Meeting

June 22, 2011



Dr. Robert S. Winning (Eastern Michigan University), Department of Biology, approaches his work with innovation, thoughtful engagement, and effective incorporation of technology. Dr. Winning was the 2009 recipient of the EMU Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Award in teaching and has made significant impact on student learning in and out of the classroom. From curriculum development to service to the university community, he is committed to serving all students who seek guidance, mentoring, and career development.

Dr. Paul Kelso (Lake Superior State University), Department of Geology and Physics, places an emphasis on active learning and constructivist-based teaching methods. With special attention to real-life issues and research experiences, Dr. Kelso aims to better prepare students for active roles in graduate programs and professional situations. Communication skill development and problem-based learning activities highlight Dr. Kelso's dedication to developing confident geoscientists.



Dr. Robert LaDuca, Jr. (Michigan State University), Lyman Briggs College and Department of Chemistry, approaches undergraduate learning by creating a fun, enthusiastic, and interactive



environment for intense scientific development and inquiry in chemistry. Blending hands-on experience with digital engagement, Dr. LaDuca finds numerous ways to engage undergraduates in their studies through high out-of-class accessibility, research opportunities, and mentoring relationships. He has published over 130 scientific articles with undergraduate co-authors on inorganic/organic hybrid materials. Dr. LaDuca is also the recipient of Michigan State University's 2010 Mid-Michigan Alumni Club Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Dr. Gopalan Srinivasan (Oakland University), Department of Physics, uses research involvement as a

core component in undergraduate teaching and learning. Through on the job experiences, students develop a stronger understanding of practical issues while further developing the ability to ask critical questions. This significant collaboration with undergraduate students offers a consistent, meaningful dedication to undergraduate learning through mentoring and scholarly development.



The nominees include:

- Patricia Janes, Central Michigan University
- Richard Goosen, Ferris State University
- Princewill Anyalebechi, Grand Valley State University
- Mark Plichta, Michigan Technological University
- Eileen Smit, Northern Michigan University
- Paul Teed, Saginaw Valley State University
- Robert Megginson, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- Brian Green, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Stephanie Brock, Wayne State University
- Grace Tiffany, Western Michigan University

The Academic Affairs Officers selection committee: E. Gary Shapiro, Central Michigan University; Jack Kay, Eastern Michigan University; Virinder Moudgil, Oakland University; and Gerard Voland, University of Michigan-Flint.

Student Association of Michigan (SAM) Update

The Student Association of Michigan (SAM) is a relatively new organization facing huge problems. We have asked our Legislators how they can increase funding to prisons, but yet throw the best and brightest students in the state a 22% cut in funding. We, as students, want to make this state the best it can be. We, as students, want to bring glory back to our state. So on March 24, 2011, hundreds of eager students marched to the Capitol Building and stood for Higher Education. Virg Bernero, Randi Weingarten (National President of the American Federation of Teachers), State Representative Joan Bauer, and State Representative Mark Meadows were among the fourteen speakers that spoke on the behalf of students statewide.

At our February conference we participated in SET Training, led by Adam Gaya, that gave our representatives the opportunity to learn how to speak to our Legislators, and increase our knowledge into who is or who isn't advocating for Higher Education at the Capitol.

On April 16 and 17, SAM met for its final meeting of the academic year at Michigan State University. SAM held its Executive Board elections. Please welcome Jay Gage, LSSU, as president; Jenora Walker, SVSU, as vice resident; Alex Khobier, UofM-Flint,

as treasurer; and Tyler Heisel, LSSU, as public relations director.

We would like to take this time to thank Cardi DeMonaco (UofM-Dearborn) for his leadership of SAM this past year. Best wishes, Cardi ,on your future endeavors!

For further information about SAM, visit their website at: www.mistudents.org. For any questions, please email our Executive Board at sam@mistudents.org.

Governor Snyder's Education Dashboard

Governor Snyder laid out his education vision on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. [Click here](#) to obtain his written speech.

The Governor also unveiled the [Education Dashboard](#), listing several postsecondary metrics including aggregate percentage rates for first-year retention, six-year graduation, population with a bachelor's degree or higher (25+), and tuition and fees as a percent of median family income. The metrics are gauged overtime and when appropriate, to national averages.

The Presidents Council recommended that the dashboard also include a [metric for state appropriations](#), for a more balanced picture on affordability with a red arrow in the negative or down direction. It was not included among the metrics used.

P-20 Council Meets for First Time

The P-20 Student Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Council met for the first time on March 31, 2011. Troy Tissue (FSU) and Laura Schartman (OU) represent the Presidents Council. Tom Howell, CEPI Director, and his staff provided an overview of the SLDS system, the Council responsibilities, and the timeline for implementing the SLDS. To learn more about the P-20 Council and to obtain the March 31 minutes and CEPI presentation, go to <http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-56472---,00.html>.

To obtain more information about the Student Unique Identification (UICs) or the Student Transcript of and Academic Record Repository (STARR), [click here](#).

Boulus Named Arab American Educator of the Year

Each year, the [American Arab Chamber of Commerce](#) honors Arab-American professionals who serve as mentors and role models for other Americans in Education, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Legal, Medicine and Technology. Mike Boulus is this year's recipient as Arab American Educator of the Year. Mike will be honored on May 18 in Dearborn.

Congratulations Mike!

Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Annual Visit

Lana Oleen, Interim Director of MHEC, and Pam Schutt, Deputy Director of MHEC, spent two days in Lansing visiting legislators and university

administrators to highlight the important role MHEC plays in cost savings in the area of computer hardware/software, property insurance, energy, and health care. For the 12 months ending June 30, 2010, Michigan saved \$7.4 million through these cost saving initiatives.

MHEC also plays a key role in student access between states and policy research.

[Click here](#) to obtain the 2009-10 Michigan report. To learn more about MHEC visit www.mhec.org

Sixth Annual Arts in the House

We are working with the Governmental Relations Officers on submitting student artwork to the House of Representatives. The deadline for submitting nominated artwork is June 1. If you have any questions, please contact [Robyn Cline](#) or [Patricia Farrell](#).

PCSUM Committee Meeting Reviews

Board Meeting

The Board met on March 10 at the Presidents Council offices in Lansing. John Nixon, State Budget Director, spoke with the Board about Governor Snyder's proposed FY12 and FY13 budgets. Other agenda items included the community college baccalaureate, Senate and House subcommittee hearings, and elimination of use and finance approval process for self-funded projects.

Business Affairs Officers

The Business Affairs Officers met on March 17 at the PCSUM offices. Robbie Jameson and Robert Murphy from the State Budget Office presented the FY2012 proposed Governor's budget to the BAOs. In addition, M.U.S.I.C., MUCH, and Merit provided their yearly reports.

Career Service Directors

The Career Services Directors met at the PCSUM offices on March 18. In addition to discussing the FY12 proposed budget and other legislative actions, the directors talked about a foreign student retention proposal, State of Michigan internship opportunity, budget reduction savings, and other pertinent career services items.

Analytical Studies Committee

The Analytical Studies Committee met on March 28 in Lansing at the PCSUM offices. The members met with Melissa Bisson and Michael McGroaty, CEPI, to discuss the P-20 Student Longitudinal Data System. T

hey also met with Kyle Jen (House Fiscal Agency) and Bill Bowerman (Senate Fiscal Agency) to talk about HEIDI. Other agenda items included

the Net Tuition Report and Delta Cost Project data.

Financial Aid Officers

The Financial Aid Officers met on March 29 at the PCSUM offices. First, they talked with Carole Hustoles (WMU) and Tom Butcher (GVSU) about the MITW. Then, they covered agenda items such as Governor Snyder's proposal financial aid program, scholarship forecasting, federal regulations, and undocumented students.

Academic Affairs Officers

The Academic Affairs Officers met on April 15 in the PCSUM offices. Agenda items included Academic Program Review and several items focusing on the budget, Governor Snyder's education dashboard, and the community college baccalaureate bill.

Latest PCSUM News

On our [PCSUM web site](#), we publish articles the relate to Michigan higher education. Some of the latest

[Grand Valley Reports Record Internships, Economic Impact](#)

May 1, 2011/CBS News Detroit

[Senate Republicans Scrap University Tuition Restraint Clause](#)

April 19, 2011/Mlive.com


[As Fourth Anniversary of Virginia Tech Shooting Tragedy Approaches, Advocates Opposed to Guns on Campus Bills See Success](#)

April 15, 2011/PRNewswire-United Business Media

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