

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

TO: University of Michigan-Flint Faculty and Staff
FROM: Jack Kay, Provost
SUBJECT: Quarterly Update from Academic Affairs
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I wish you a happy holiday season and a wonderful new year. I hope that you are able to relax during the holidays and spend some memorable time with family and friends. Please also think about those who are less fortunate and do what you can to help. I look forward to 2009 with great enthusiasm. Although we are living in perilous economic times, I am convinced that our collective action and enthusiasm will enable our campus to prosper. Working together, we will find solutions to the economic challenges our university and our students will face. We have been enjoying great times at the University of Michigan-Flint and together we will make sure great times continue. I offer my sincere thanks to all of our faculty and staff for their great efforts in promoting academic excellence.

The University continues to make great strides in internationalization. The International Student Center has been renamed the International Center. Part of the change is the coordination of study abroad trips by the International Center, under the leadership of Dan Adams. With Matthew Hilton-Watson's appointment as Chair of Foreign Languages, he no longer serves as Director of the International and Global Studies Program, but rather, Matthew will assist the Program as a faculty advisor. I thank Matthew for his tireless work serving as Director these last few years and for his willingness to help guide the program.

The SHPS Dean Search Advisory Committee has been making good progress. The position description and the selection criteria have been finalized and the position has been posted at <http://www.UMjobs.org> (Job ID 26725). There is a webpage for information regarding the SHPS dean search at <http://www.umflint.edu/shps/DeanSearchPage.htm> and there is a link from the SHPS homepage at <http://www.umflint.edu/shps/>. The position advertisements were placed in the following: Chronicle for Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook, Women in Higher Education, Affirmative Action Register, Michigan Chronicle, Higheredjobs.com, IMDiversity.com, InsideHigherEd.com, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, UniversityJobs.com, Healthcareers.com, Public Health Employment Connection, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and American Public Health Association. Please refer any individual that you may know who might be interested in the position to the job posting and webpage for information and/or to Vahid Lotfi vahid@umflint.edu or Cindy Pfalzer cpfalzer@umflint.edu as Co-Chairs of the SHPS Dean Search Advisory Committee. Mary Deibis, Office of Graduate Programs, is the staff support for the search and point of contact. In addition, if you have any recommendation of an individual, or questions about the search, do not

hesitate to contact the co-chairs. The committee hopes to bring candidates to campus in January.

Last year Interim Provost Lotfi and I invited two consultants to our campus to meet with faculty and administrators to help us consider the pros and cons of each of the two accrediting organizations (TEAC and NCATE) for our teaching certification and education administration programs. After the visits both CAS and SEHS faculties agreed to select NCATE as the choice of accrediting organization. Seeking NCATE accreditation is a priority initiative in Academic Affairs as it will impact many programs in SEHS and CAS. Our professional teachers' certification programs are the campus' direct connection to the K-12 community. They also constitute a significant component of our total enrollment. I am pleased to inform you that we are continuing our progress toward seeking NCATE accreditation. This fall an "Education Council," chaired by Dean Susanne Chandler, was formed. Members of the Council include Patricia Gallant, Michael Pardales, Linda Pickett, Sapna Vyas, Peggy Kahn, Suzanne Knight, Randy Repic, and Fred Wagonlander. Other members include: Roy Barnes, Bob Barnett, Sue Bentley, Rose Casement, Ken Summey, Vicki Tonda, DJ Trela, Lori Van Hove, and Barb Walton.

The Education Council has been created intentionally to represent the newly structured Unit of all programs in both Education and CAS that prepare elementary and secondary teachers. Every program will need to show how it relates to the conceptual framework. The present Education Council is working with all of the constituents that make up the Unit to create a conceptual framework that genuinely reflects our preparation of professional education candidates. Two other committees that are now working within the Council are: Assessment and Field Placement.

To ensure this initiative will receive the attention it deserves, I have also asked Associate Provost Lotfi to serve as the point person on NCATE within Academic Affairs. His familiarity with institutional and professional accreditation should prove valuable to the process. He is currently undergoing training to become a consultant/evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission.

Congratulations on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint to Courtney Cook and Travis Larkin for being the only two students selected from the University to display artwork in the Anderson House Office Building through the Student Art in the Legislature initiative in Lansing. Their artwork was unveiled and the students were recognized at the Legislative Arts Caucus in September.

Call for Nominations for Faculty/Staff Achievement Awards. The Scholarships, Awards and Special Events Committee has solicited nominations for faculty achievement awards in their recent email to campus with a deadline for receiving letters of nomination no later than Monday, January 26, 2009. Supporting documentation is due no later than Monday, March 9, 2009. I make a special plea to our faculty to submit nominations. We have an exceptionally talented faculty with many deserving nominees. Please do not think that others will nominate the faculty you wish to nominate. The committee has over the years streamlined the nomination process. Please - get those nominations in to the committee. Details of the available awards can also be found on the Provost web site.

One of the awards the committee reviews is the Presidents Council - State Universities of Michigan Professor of the Year Award. Each campus selects its own Professor of the Year, who is then forwarded to a committee of provosts who choose the Michigan Professor of the Year. This award recognizes full professors who have demonstrated excellence in undergraduate education. There is an early deadline for submitting this nomination: January 9, 2009.

This year a new award had been established, thanks to the generosity of Regent Olivia Maynard and Olof Karlstrom. The Olivia P. Maynard and Olof Karlstrom Faculty Award for Civic Engagement provides an award of \$1,500. The selection criteria for this award include significant experience in teaching civic engagement, evidence of engaged scholarship, and evidence of institutional impact. Specific information on this new one and all of the awards can be found on the Provost web site at: www.umflint.edu/provost/awards.htm/.

Congratulations Theatre Department! The production How I Learned to Drive has been invited to the Region Three Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival to be held in early January. Each year over 900 colleges and universities from across the United States enter shows with the hope of being invited. In Region three, approximately 150 shows are entered each year, with only 6-7 being invited to the festival. This is like the NCAA tournament for theatre programs. We are proud of our Theatre Department faculty, staff, and students and wish them our best as they perform at festival.

The Late Night Breakfast, held Monday, December 8, 2008, from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, the night before Study Day, was an incredible success with a turnout of over 400 students. The event was co-hosted by the Office of the Provost and Dining Services as an end-of-the-year thank you to our students. Besides the great turnout, the event involved our Deans and Directors serving the food to students sporting UM-Flint chef hats and aprons, a disc jockey, balloon artists, prizes, and chair massages. A great time was had by all.

In Fond Memory and Honor. Professor of Operations Management and former Dean of the School of Management I. Douglas Moon passed away on September 13, 2008. Professor Moon joined the University in 1989 and under his leadership established the School's first global articulation agreements for international undergraduate and graduate education in India, Taiwan, China, and South Korea. He endowed the I. Douglas Moon School of Management Undergraduate Merit Scholarship Fund. His contributions to SOM will endure for decades. Professor of Physics Loretta J. Dauwe passed away on June 15, 2008. Professor Dauwe was a faculty member since 1985 and served as Chair of the Department of Computer Science, Engineering Science and Physics for several years. An experimental particle physicist, she was well-known at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory where she provided many research opportunities for her students. She was also awarded the Distinguished Professor Award by Student Government in 2001. Associate Professor of Sociology and former Chair of the Department of Social Work Charles Bailey passed away on November 26, 2008. He served in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret in Special Forces during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. Professor Bailey joined the faculty in 1980 and served on many SEHS as well as CAS committees. He also served on the University Budget Priorities and Chancellor's Advisory Committee and the Provost Search Advisory Committee. Although Chuck, as all of us knew him, conducted extensive research, his work in the community was

equally extensive. We continue to miss Doug, Lorey, and Chuck and our heart-felt thoughts remain with their families and friends.

College of Arts and Sciences

Philosophy Department-Professor Nathan Oaklander's most recent major work includes *The Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, Routledge, 4 volumes. He has also signed a contract to write and publish *C. D. Broad's Philosophy of Time* in Routledge's *Studies in Contemporary Philosophy Series*. In addition, the American Philosophical Association Board of Officers met in Chicago in November and selected Professor Oaklander to serve a three-year term on the APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research.

School of Health Professions and Studies

Department of Nursing

* The Higher Learning Commission conducted a site visit on July 14-15, 2008 to review the Doctor of Nurse Practice proposal.

* Linda Knecht received a \$1,000 award from the Office of Research to support the development of a partnership between UM-Flint and St. Mary's Mission Hospital and Medical College in Nairobi, Kenya for the advancement of nursing education, practice, and research.

* Marilyn Filter will be presenting an abstract for Obstetric Emergent Simulation in Multidisciplinary Settings at the 54th Annual Meeting of the American College of Nurse-Midwives in Portland, Oregon in May, 2009.

* Connie Creech was part of a fantastic team of 38 individuals who provided vision care to 20,000 patients in Xalapa and Veracruz, Mexico from September 8-19, 2008. She says, "20,000 patients in 7 days is possible, but very exhausting and rewarding. I would do it again, but not soon."

* Maureen Tippen-IGS has approved International Service Learning Nursing in the Dominican Republic 2/09 and International Service Learning in Kenya for May 2009. She also had a poster abstract on mentoring minority students accepted to present at the National Society of Pediatric Nurses Convention in April, 2009.

Physical Therapy Department

Applications are now being accepted for the newly developed, fully-online transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree that is aimed at practicing physical therapists in the United States and Canada who entered the field through bachelor and master's level programs. The program begins winter, 2009. In the existing DPT program faculty are nearing the end of a curricular redesign with extensive curricular mapping that is being rolled out over a three-year period. The curriculum was redesigned to keep current with professional standards in the field. The DPT students are actively engaged in participating in community and

professional life. Sixty-seven DPT students participated in the Making Strides Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Thirty-one DPT students attended a National Student Conclave for the American Physical Therapy Association in San Jose, California in October. Several student research groups presented their research findings at the Michigan Physical Therapy Association Annual Meeting.

* The Higher Learning Commission conducted a site visit on July 14-15, 2008 to review the transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy proposal.

* PT held its annual retreat July 30-August 1, 2008.

* 2008 Michigan Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) Fall (October 2008) Conference Meeting Poster Presentation of Sharice J. Carson BS, SPT, Megan R Dart BS, SPT, Kristina Latva BS, SPT, DeAnna Pirtle BS, SPT, Jo Anne Ross BS, SPT, and Becky Rodda PT, DPT, OCS, OMPT., Titled: Dynamic Balance Protocol For A Geriatric Population: A Pilot Study

* Nicole Gerich received the 2008 National Lymphedema Network Best New Investigator Award for the research published in the Journal, Cancer in June 2008 on which I am the second author: Stout Gergich NL, Pfalzer LA, McGarvey C, Springer B, Gerber LH, Soballe P. Preoperative Assessment Enables the Early Diagnosis and Successful Treatment of Lymphedema. Cancer June 15, 2008; 112 (12): 2809-2819. The award recognizes the Best New Research Investigator each year. Presented in August, 2008 at the NLN Annual Meeting in San Diego

* Several faculty/student research projects were accepted for national presentation at the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association Meeting in February 9-12, 2009 in Las Vegas. They are as follows:

o Title: "Light Touch Sensation in Older Adults" Authors: Kerri Marcoux; Crystal Parker; Stacy Rivera; Holly Whalen; Kate Williamson; Donna Fry, Presenter: Kerri Marcoux .

o Title: "Single Bout of Strenuous Upper Extremity Exercise and Repeated Blood Pressure Measurement in the Upper Limb of Healthy Women and Breast Cancer Survivors." Authors: Lawrence Gross, Andrew Kurtz, Naseemunissa Syed, Ducdouglas Tran, Lucinda Pfalzer.

o Title: "Function and Self-Efficacy in A Medically Underserved Population with Chronic Low Back Pain." Authors: Greta Halbert; Janice Williams; Grace Burns; Edgar Torres Presenter: Ms. Greta Halbert.

* Patricia Curatti is presenting as an invited speaker at the MPTA, The Developmental Aspects of T6-T9: A Weak Spot.

* A student, Jonathan Quinton recently published "Unraveling the Mysteries of Myofascial Pain Syndromes" written by Tiziano Marovino, DPT, DAAPM and Jonathan Quinton BSc, SPT in the July/August 2008 (Vol 8, Issue 6) issue of Practical Pain Management. His contributions were in data collection and final document preparation.

* Cindy Pfalzer is presenting a session entitled, "APTA Hooked on Evidence" at the MPTA. She will also be presenting a preconference course for the Oncology Section of the APTA at the Combined Sections Meeting in

Las Vegas in February and presented a course for the Oncology Section of the APTA in Houston at MD Anderson, a comprehensive cancer center that is partnering with the Oncology Section in September, entitled, "Exercise for Cancer Survivors."

Health Sciences & Administration

* A grant was submitted to NIH's National Center for Minority Health Disparities to create a UM-Flint Urban Center for Health Disparities Research. The proposed Center would develop a research infrastructure at UM-Flint to conduct research testing innovative chronic disease self management interventions, train student and faculty researchers to conduct health disparities research, and further strengthen community involvement to disseminate scientific information about health disparities, and engage the community in future community based research focused on reducing health disparities among ethnic and racial minority groups in Flint. The Center would work closely with multiple Centers on the Ann Arbor campus, including MICHHR, CRECH, the Michigan Research and Training Center, the PRC/Michigan, and others. The application was developed in collaboration with multiple Flint-based community partners who would play pivotal roles in the Center. The UM-Flint Department of Research and Amalie Helms (UHWC) lent significant support in the application preparation, along with MICHHR. The requested funding was \$950,000 for five years, and would begin July 2009. Suzanne Selig is the Principal Investigator. Other HSA faculty, including Shan Parker, John Sonnega, and Kristine Mulhorn would have key roles, as well as Cindy Pfalzer from Physical Therapy.

* Arlesia Mathis presented a paper entitled "The Effects of Outsourcing on Primary Care Access in Florida" at the Fifth International Conference on Health Care Systems; an abstract entitled, "Can Private Providers Improve the Public's Health: Examining the Effects of Outsourcing on Post-neonatal Mortality" at the NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities; and passed the National Board in Public Health and was awarded the CPH (Certified Public Health) designation.

School of Management

Fall 2008 is proving to be a very productive time for SOM. In September, the Michigan Family Business Center and the Michigan Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership were opened, directed by Francine Cullari and Dale Tuttle, respectively. Also several businesses were honored at the first inaugural Business Appreciation Dinner, held on September 24. Honorees included Guardian Industries, Palace Sports and Entertainment, Plante & Moran, the Coffee Beanery, the Koegel family, Larry Nichols and outstanding SOM students, and Peter Manos and Elizabeth Refice. Visiting Associate Professor Ku-Jun Lin was welcomed in October with a campus reception. He is visiting from Tamkang University in Taiwan, where he serves as Associate Professor of Accounting. Dean Helmuth will also be hosting the first annual Economic Forum on Friday, December 12, with invited speakers Christopher Douglas, Mark Perry, and Sam Kahn. In addition to all of these events, SOM was named as an "outstanding business school" by the Princeton Review in October.

Faculty Updates:

- * Erin Cavusgil published "Does Product Innovativeness Fit the Market Orientation - Firm Performance Paradigm?" in Journal of Product Innovation Management.
- * Thomas Hemphill published "The Political Economy of Globalism in South America: Strategic Implications for Foreign Direct Investment," in Competition and Change.
- * Surendranath Jory published "International Evidence on the Relationship Between Trading Volume and Serial Correlation in Stock Returns" in the Global Journal of Finance and Banking Issues; "Cross-Sectional Variation in the Long-Run Performance of Capital-Raising Depository Receipts and their Underlying Stocks" in the Global Business and Finance and Review; "Equity Offerings by Firms that Emerged from Bankruptcy" in the Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance and Business Ventures; and with Thomas Hemphill and Mark Perry, "An Analysis of Sovereign Wealth Funds' Recent Venture in Developed Capital Markets" in Management Online Review.
- * Keith Moreland was interviewed twice by ABC12 news: "Analyst Says GM/Chrysler Could Help GM," which aired on October 21 and "Economic Issues and Auto Industry," which aired on October 29.
- * Mark Perry was interviewed by ABC12 and TV5 on October 17 and WWJ AM 950 on October 24. He was also interviewed by the Flint Journal for an article entitled "Today's Economic Crisis is Not the Great Depression" (October 17), forbes.com an article entitled "Wasted Energy" (October 27), and "Flint Finance Professor Isn't Giving Up on Economy" for candgnews.com (October 29).
- * Fataneh Taghaboni-Dutta published "A Framework for a Green Product Lifecycle Management System" in Issues in Information Systems.

Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Programs

Office of Research- External grant activity for the first quarter of 2008/09 was quite high. Twenty proposals were submitted for a total amount of \$9,826,031 compared to \$426,111 for the first quarter last year and \$11,873,835 for all of 2007/08. The Office of Research will offer several workshop opportunities starting in January including 5 SPSS workshop sessions, a one-day session on using NVivo for qualitative data analysis, and additional workshops on using SPIN to identify funding sources, becoming familiar with electronic application packages, and grant writing. For more information and to register, please visit: http://www.umflint.edu/research/workshop_schedule.htm. In early January a second call for project applications with the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) will also go out to faculty. More on UROP at: http://www.umflint.edu/research/student_programs/UROP/home.htm

The fall 2008 Research and Creative Activity Fund awards were announced in late November. The winter 2008 request for proposals will be released February 2 with an application submission deadline of March 13, 2009. Please remember that free

statistical consultation is available every Thursday in the Office of Research from a staff member from the Center for Statistical Consultation and Research (CSCAR). Qualitative research support is also available through remote consulting. Contact the Office of Research to schedule a consultation appointment or for any other research needs, 810-762-3383, research@umflint.edu<mailto:research@umflint.edu>.

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