MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COUNCIL OF CHAIRS
(Gooding Seminar Room)
11 a.m. Tuesdays
February 7    April 4
March 14

DIVISION MEETINGS
(Arranged by Division)
Tuesdays 11 a.m.
February 14   April 11
March 21

DEAN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL
(Gooding Seminar Room)
Fridays 3:30 p.m.
February 10, 24   March 3, 31

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
(Philip & Betsey Caldwell 350)
Thursdays 3:30 p.m.
February 2, 16   April 27
March 2, 16, 30

FACULTY MEETINGS
(Boyd Science 336)
Fridays 3:30 p.m.
February 17   April 21
March 24

DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday, February 20   Early Assessment
Tuesday, February 28   Grades Due
Monday-Friday   2nd Half Classes
March 6-10   Begin
March 6-10   SPRING BREAK

NOTE FROM DR. MAHER

Friends and Colleagues:

Wow! January and February are frantic months in the dean’s office. Finalizing 06-07 schedules, reading annual reports (40 more to go!), getting faculty contracts ready, interviewing candidates for faculty positions, preparing a presentation for the Board meetings, and responding to the NCATE report. Lots to do!

But I did note the following communication from the Higher Education Research Institute, reporting on the ’04-05 national survey of faculty. I thought you might find this interesting.

“Just half of faculty today say that they are satisfied with the quality of their students. Moreover, across all types of colleges and universities, only slightly more than one-third (36 percent) of respondents agree that faculty on their campus feel that most students are well-prepared academically. By contrast, findings from the 2004 CIRP Freshman Survey show that record numbers of today’s entering college students (70 percent) rate themselves as “above average” or “highest 10%” academically. Nearly half (48 percent) also report earning “A” grades in high school.”


Julianne
MAY TERM 2006

Registration for May Term began on Monday, January 23, 2006. Students may register for May Term using MuskieLink. Registration and payment may also be sent by mail. Registration will continue through May 6; early registration is encouraged. Decisions will be made on whether or not a class will be offered based on course enrollments as of April 30. Students may take two 3-4 credit courses and a 1 credit physical education course or psychology practicum and one independent study course. Students have until September 15 to complete independent study courses. Tuition is $310 per credit. For an early commitment (i.e. registering and completing financial arrangements) by April 1, a 10% discount on tuition is given ($279 per credit). For more information, please contact the Registrar’s office.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The Academic Standards Committee convened on January 4 to review student dismissal appeals and academic plans for improvement. Recommendations from academic advisors and faculty members were taken into consideration during the appeals process. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to those of you who supplied information for these often difficult decisions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ky Davis and Shannon Hoff have successfully defended their dissertations. Congratulations Dr. Davis and Dr. Hoff!

FACULTY IN PRINT

Laura Hilton published articles in “The Encyclopedia of World War I”, Vol. 1, entitled Battle of Amman (1918); India, Army; India, Role in War; Lithuania; Ottoman Empire, Home Front; Palestine and Syria, Land Campaign (1914-1918); Romania, Army; Romania, Role in War.


PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL & ACTIVITIES

Erin Brumbaugh attended the Ohio Association for Gifted Children conference in Columbus, OH October 17-18.


Ken McCollum has been granted the opportunity to show his art at the Dorothy Steele Gallery in Portland, Oregon during March 2006. He will be showing other work during March 2006 at Ohio University-Zanesville and competing in the Concordia University Continental First Biennial Ceramics Exhibition. His pieces in the Concordia University show are “Material World” and “Memory of Pets.”

Donna Newberry traveled to the National Softball Coaches Convention in Orlando, FL November 30-December 3.

William Schlacks attended the National Association for Schools of Music conference on Faculty Evaluation in Boston, MA on November 19-22.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

1. Received and acknowledged proposal to add PE 2xx: PADI – Scuba Diver Certification (1 credit) as a special course effective May Term 2006.