



The Script for Academic Affairs

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT/STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP: LEARNING OBJECTIVES

What is a Good Learning Goal?

Outcomes - what graduates should be able to do

Clear - no fuzzy terms

- **Demonstrate** (how?), **critical thinking**, **communication skills**

Observable - what grads should be able to DO

- **Action words**

- **Understand**, **appreciate**

Skills and/or attitudes/values

Important - meet student/employer needs

Examples of Learning Goals:

- ◆ **Chemistry:** Design an experiment to test a hypothesis or theory.
- ◆ **Communication:** Apply knowledge of media history and the principles of media criticism to understand and evaluate media messages.
- ◆ **Finance:** Identify financial problems, analyze their impact, and design solutions that will withstand critical examination.
- ◆ **Theatre:** Express through clear writing and critical thinking a unique point of view on theatre subjects.
- ◆ **Environmental Science:** Critically evaluate the effectiveness of agencies, organizations and programs addressing environmental problems.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Academic Performance: All Muskingum students are governed by the *Academic Standards Policy* (ref. Academic Policies and Procedures, 110.3).

Those students subject to dismissal have fallen below 2.0 semester GPA and/or fallen below the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 Also considered are students who have not earned at least 1.5 in any semester. Letters of dismissal will be sent to them from the VPAA along with grade reports about **December 19**. In addition, a copy of dismissal letters will be e-mailed to the student and his/her advisor. These students will have the right of appeal; appeals will be accepted through **January 5, by mail, FAX or e-mail**. The Academic Standards Committee will meet on **January 6**. If you have an advisee who will appeal dismissal, that student will most likely be contacting you for a letter of support. Please check your e-mail periodically over the break in case a student is attempting to contact you.

FACULTY IN PRINT

Wagner, Vivian. "A Brief History of Hungarian Food." Kenyon Review Online. Fall 2008. [<http://www.kenyonreview.org/kro/wagner.php>]
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"Bronzing Baby Shoes." American Profile. July 27-Aug 2, 2008. 8.
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Wehage, Franz-Joseph. "The Importance of a Foreign Language to College Graduates." The Journal of the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers." Fall 2008. Vol. 45 No. 2.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

All academic calendars and timelines can be accessed by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking on the link below:

<http://www.muskingum.edu/home/academicaffairs/documents.html>

POSTSCRIPT

The Fall 2008 Semester has been eventful and some of the accomplishments of the semester will be remembered as milestones in the recent history of Muskingum College. Among these milestones are the accreditation of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree by the Ohio Board of Regents and the approval of our petition to install a chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on our campus.

Also worthy of note are the faculty's endorsement of the first changes to the Faculty Handbook in more than a decade (the changes await final approval by the Board of Trustees) and the implementation of an ambitious Liberal Arts Essentials Assessment Plan. And of course the opening of the Chess Center must be mentioned as an event of major significance in the history of the College.

These and other initiatives confirm that Muskingum College is an institution with a positive vision of its future and confidence in its ability to meet the challenges of the present. I want to thank everyone who has played a role large or small in the events highlighted in this Post Script and the other initiatives and events that have made Fall 2008 a special time in the history of the College.

A peaceful and joyous holiday season to everyone.



VPAA Webpage (Hold Ctrl and Click on link):

www.muskingum.edu/home/academicaffairs/index.html