REGISTRAR’S REMINDERS

All grades for Fall 2007 semester must be submitted (in person or on-line) by noon Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

Registration for Spring 2008 is Monday, October 29—Friday, November 9.

Add/Drop for Spring 2008 will be open through January 11 and is available via MuskieLink January 4.


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 21. 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 2, by mail, FAX or e-mail. The Academic Standards Committee will meet on January 3. 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


FACULTY TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Margaret Burk attended the Direct Marketing Association Educators’ Conference in Villanova University, Radnor, PA on September 27-28, 2007.

Joy Cowdery traveled with two undergraduate officers of Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honorary, Jason Dotson and J.D. Walters, to Louisville, KY on November 1-3, 2007 to present a paper entitled, “Connecting in Fellowship” at the National Convocation of Kappa Delta Pi.
FACULTY TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (cont’d)

**Ky Davis** presented “Hands-on Activities in the K-12 Classroom” at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Columbus, Ohio on October 20, 2007.

**Barb Hansen** and **Linda Rogness** presented “Graduate Teacher Leader Programs” for attendees from the University of Bangkok, Thailand at the International Alliance for Invitational Education in Georgetown, KY on October 17-19, 2007.

**Laura Hilton** presented a paper entitled, “The Struggle to Re-establish Law and Order” at the German Studies Association meeting October 4-7, 2007. She served as a commentator for another panel, “Problems of Occupation: The Allies in Europe after World War II.”

**Nicole Price** presented a paper entitled, “Problematizing History and Present in «La carga» by Juan Tomás Ávila Laurel” at the 57th Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference in Roanoke, VA hosted by Virginia Tech University, October 11-13, 2007.

**John Sun** has a solo exhibition at The Muskingum County Community Foundation November 9 through December 14, 2007. The exhibit features John’s 21 oil and acrylic paintings created in the recent years. John also traveled to the School of Visual Arts in New York on October 17-19, 2007 where he read a paper entitled, “Spirituality in Art and the Humanistic Expression: Empowering Creative Works of Art with Universal Appeal”

**Vivian Wagner** moderated a panel called “Reporting Religion” at the National College Media Convention in Washington, D.C. on October 27, 2007. The student presenters on the panel were Jessie Marshall, Caitlin Schultz, and Angela Weimer.

WELLNESS CENTER MESSAGE

Since we have been experiencing large numbers of students with illness-related issues, this is a great time to refresh our collective memories regarding class absence policy.

The Wellness Center nurses and physicians DO NOT provide class excuse slips to students when we treat them for an illness (this includes physical education classes). Please do not ask them to secure a note from us if they miss a class.

We DO instruct the student to inform you of their situation BEFORE the missed class, then see our physician for evaluation. The student may then share the information with the faculty member (if they wish) that they received treatment at the Wellness Center. The faculty member is encouraged to contact us at ext. 8150 for validation of their claim if needed. Of course, we do not release any information relative to the students medical care, only that they were here for treatment.

This policy has been very successful and encourages the student to assume responsibility for his/her academic and personal health concerns. Please contact me if needed at ext. 8150.

Thanks,
Susan Fracker, R.N.,C.
CALENDAR

November 1     Creation of May Term Class Schedules Begin
November 6     Last Day to withdrawal—full semester
November 9     Trustees’ decisions regarding 08-09 Sabbaticals
November 16    Coordinators review annual reports and chairs’ evaluations
                 (Copies of coordinators’ evaluations to faculty members at least 5
days prior to submission to VPAA)
                 Chairs’ and coordinators’ evaluations forwarded to VPAA by
                 Coordinators
November 16-Jan 7 Chairs edit and revise 07-08 class schedule into 08-09 schedule
November 20    Faculty Meeting (11 a.m., BSC 336)
November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break—No classes/offices open on November 21
November 26    Coordinators’ evaluations of Second and Fourth Year Review
                 faculty and portfolios due to VPAA
November 30    May Term Class Schedule proposals due to VPAA from
                 Coordinators/Chairs
December 3     Faculty Affairs Committee reports promotion and tenure
                 recommendations to VPAA
December 7     Course Evaluation Week
                 Recommendations for Probationary Contracts
December 10-14 Final Exams Week
December 11    Faculty Meeting (11 a.m., BSC 336)
December 14    Recommendations for Limited Period Contracts
December 18    Final Grades Due

DATES TO REMEMBER

Academic Affairs Advisory Council Retreat
Ramada Inn
December 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Curriculum Committee
PBC 350
Thursday, 3:30 p.m.
December 6

Division Meetings
TBA by Division
Tuesday, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
December 4

Faculty Meeting
BSC 336
Tuesday, 11 a.m.
December 11
An Eventful Semester

Semesters normally begin with anticipation and enthusiasm; they end with reflection. When I reflect on the 2007 Fall Semester that is even now coming to a close, I am struck by a number of significant events and initiatives for which I believe the current semester will be remembered in years to come. We have been witnesses to the process of creating a new degree program (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), the launching of a new graduate degree program (MISST), the birth of a new vision for the assessment of the Liberal Arts Essentials curriculum, the selection of one of our colleagues (Linda Morrow) for a national teaching award, a decision to begin the first major review of the Faculty Handbook and Academic Policies and Procedures Manual in more than a decade, the rising of a new campus center on the hills above the Quad, and the shaping of an image for a new music building. It has truly been a memorable semester.

Happy Holidays!