IRiS On the Move

The IRiS Project is moving forward at a quick pace. In the past couple of weeks, members of the project have completed many milestones:

- Human Resources Payroll ran the first parallel payroll on April 30 and expect to run four more prior to July 1
- Registration in Datatel Colleague is on schedule to ‘go live’ on June 6
- All student demographics have been migrated to Datatel Colleague
- All student programs have been migrated to Datatel Colleague
- Students will have access to the myGSU portal on May 23
- Portal training for faculty and staff began the week of April 25
- From April 25 through May 4 over 200 faculty members have been introduced to the Portal and Faculty Information Online Services Screens through training sessions
- Information Technology Services has installed upgrades to our email system
- A pilot registration (for 25 selected students) has been scheduled for May 25
- Portal training web demos and documentation are posted to www.govst.edu/tutorials
- Student Course Schedule in Datatel Colleague is available now at www.govst.edu/schedule

The first training session focusing on a general portal overview, the online schedule of classes, and the new student registration system will be held on May 11, at 10 a.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Beneficial Fair

Employees will benefit by attending the GSU Benefits Fair on Wednesday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Information will be available from Cigna, EyeMed Vision, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Accounts MCAP/DCAP, SURS Retirement, The Legend Group, VALIC, Bright Start, Magellan Behavioral Health, Deferred Compensation, and State Universities Annuities Association. No HMO vendors will be present at this event.

Come All Ye Volunteers!

The 2011 Spring Commencement is fast approaching volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, June 4 event a success. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer - students, faculty, staff, and retirees are all welcome.
Commencement volunteers must attend orientation on Wednesday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

Please complete the volunteer sign-up sheet and return it to Sabrina Slocum by Friday, May 20. For more information, call ext. 4126.

**HPT Graduate Degree Info Session**

The graduate degree program in Human Performance and Training is sponsoring an open house on Tuesday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., in room D34115.

Professors and practitioners will be available to answer questions about the program and discuss the skills needed to become instructional designers, trainers, and performance technologists. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a more than 20 percent growth in careers in these fields. Program graduates will receive a Master of Arts in Communication and Training.

The open house is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Nancy Kaczmarczyk or visit the HPT website.

**ECE Student – Student Teacher Spring 2011 Social**

Recently, student teachers with a full Spring 2011 semester of in-class teaching experience to draw on, met with students in EDEC Lab 3 who will student teach during Fall 2011. The informal gathering provided student teachers an opportunity to learn what to expect during full time field experience.

The current student teachers shared situational stories, academic updates, and assessment experiences as well as offered advice and encouragement to the student teaching candidates.

Dr. Jeannine Klomes, associate professor of early childhood education, posed the questions and left the experienced student teachers to lead the discussion. Topics covered included lesson plans, classroom management, use of manipulatives, and the student teacher-classroom teacher relationship.

“We implemented this social last year and found it to be a very effective way to introduce students to the realities of teaching,” said Klomes.

**2011 Student Conference**

The 17th Annual Student Research Conference will be held on Thursday, June 9. Graduate and undergraduate students will have the opportunity to present their research in either a paper or poster presentation. The conference offers students an opportunity to present their research and
scholarly work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. Faculty and advisors are asked to encourage students to participate in the conference.

Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation format. Podium presentations are 15 minutes long followed by a 5-minute question/answer session. Podium presentations begin at 9 a.m. and continue in the afternoon. Posters will be displayed immediately after lunch. Displays are limited to posters no larger than 4’ x 3’.

All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all participants.

The registration deadline is May 27. Registration and abstract submission forms are available online at the conference website.

**Be Safe**

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.