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News and Events

**President Maimon and Fellow Illinois Public University Presidents Propose ‘Six Simple Steps’ to Solve the State’s Pension Problems**

As the convener of the Public University Presidents and Chancellors, Dr. Maimon has been playing a pivotal role in proposing what the Chicago Sun-Times editorial called an “intriguing” plan to cut costs and generate significant savings to achieve pension reform. The plan, titled “Six Simple Steps,” was developed by the Illinois Government and Public Affairs think tank and endorsed by all 14 public university presidents and chancellors. When the regular session of the General Assembly concluded without passing pension reform, legislative leaders expressed interest in talking with the presidents’ group about ideas to break the logjam.

President Maimon, along with University of Illinois President Robert Easter, Northern Illinois University outgoing President John Peters, and Southern Illinois President Glenn Poshard testified last Tuesday before the Senate Executive Committee. Before the Executive Committee hearing they met with Illinois Senate President Cullerton and Senators Biss and Hastings.

Also expressing interest in the plan was the Chicago Tribune. President Maimon, along with Presidents Easter and Peters, met with Bruce Dold and the Tribune’s editorial board. The result: the paper went on record with an editorial position that “Six Simple Steps” has “...several good ideas that could be incorporated in a broader reform bill.”

Read the full editorials from the **Tribune** and **Sun-Times**.

“I believe the public university presidents and chancellors have accomplished a great deal in the last few days,” said President Maimon. “We have emphasized our role as constructive problem solvers. We also had a rare opportunity to explain the value of a university think tank. But perhaps equally important, the unity of the university presidents underscored our role as civic leaders, who are dedicated to protecting our employees, our universities and our state.”

You can download “**Six Simple Steps.**”

**Office Renovation for Combined Admissions Processing and Registrar’s Office Begins**

Two important GSU offices will soon be sharing space. The Admissions Processing team will move in with the Registrar’s Office. The space is now under renovation with a move-in date scheduled for early in August.
In the meantime, be aware of changes in how students, faculty and administration should contact Admissions Processing and the Registrar’s Office staff:

The Registrar’s Office has been temporarily relocated to a new office space. During the renovation, students should be directed to Carolyn Cornelious in the Welcome Center at Student Central near the main entrance. Students can also contact the Registrar’s Office by phone at ext. 4500.

Faculty and staff who need assistance should remain in contact with their representatives from the Registrar’s Office.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar, at ext. 4504, or Chris Huang, Registrar, at ext. 4503.

Effective July 1, the Admissions Processing Office will be closed to the public. All prospective students and applicants looking for information regarding their admission applications should visit the main Office of Admissions located at Student Central, immediately inside the main GSU entrance or call 708.534.4490.

Faculty and staff who need assistance should remain in contact with their representatives in the Admission Processing Office. However, all students should be redirected to the main Office of Admissions.

For further information, contact Tiffani Robertson, Admissions and Records Supervisor, at ext. 7640; or Yakeea Daniels, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services and Director of Admission, at ext. 4510.

**Accounts Payable, Procurement Q & A – June 26**

The Department of Accounts Payable and Procurement is conducting its year-end Q & A session on Wednesday, June 26 at 3 p.m. in the Hall of Honors, D1490.

The one-hour session comes at the conclusion of the current fiscal year. Department initiators for requisitions should plan to attend the session.

**Trustee Eileen Durkin’s Agency Wins Back-to-Back Awards**

For two years in a row Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, led by GSU Trustee Eileen Durkin, has been named to the list of the city’s best places to work by the National Association for Business resources.

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™ is a competition to identify and honor organizations that demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their human resource practices and employee enrichment. Company approaches to communication, work-life balance, employee education, diversity, recognition and retention are among the judging criteria. Trustee Durkin’s C4 has been honored as a Back to Back Winner – for 2012 and 2013 – of Chicago’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.

Trustee Durkin is a recognized leader with diversified experience in health care, mental health and disability service. She leads an organization founded in 1972 to help people released from psychiatric hospitals into the Uptown and Edgewater
communities. Organized as the Edgewater-Uptown Community Mental Health Council, concerned residents received a federal grant to open an outpatient clinic. Since then C4’s service area has expanded to Chicago’s North Side and beyond as a leading provider of mental health, substance use and family counseling clinical services delivered from five facilities.

"It is gratifying to receive this award two years in a row. As a non-profit we have limited funds, so it is particularly rewarding to be acknowledged for our innovative strategies and human resources practices. This award speaks volumes about the quality and dedication of our very capable staff," said Trustee Durkin.

**Catalog Addendum Now Available on GSU Website**
The 2013-2014 Catalog Addendum is now available on the catalog page of the GSU website.

[Click here to view the addendum.](#)

**All American Sculpture Walk Coming to NMSP**
Celebrate the nation’s birthday by walking in the shadows of some of America’s greatest artists at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on Monday, July 1, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

NMSP’s All American Sculpture Walk will focus on Mark di Suvero’s masterful *Yes! For Lady Day* and then discuss other works influenced by Abstract Impressionism, the first fully American movement in world art history. You’ll see how American artists used their revolutionary vision to influence art around the world.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates will conduct the All American Sculpture Walk, which is free and open to the public. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. on the patio outside GSU’s Hall of Governors.

For more information, visit [www.govst.edu/sculpture](http://www.govst.edu/sculpture) or call 708.534.4486.

**E/F Roofing Project Commences**
Re-roofing of the E/F renovation area began last week and will continue for approximately six to eight weeks. As with other re-roofing projects in the last year, FDM will close fresh air intakes to limit the entry of asphalt odors.

Persons with offices on the north side of G-wing need to keep their windows closed to prevent fumes from entering the building. The system design in G-wing makes it especially critical that those windows are closed for the duration of the E/F roofing.

F building Phase 1 and OT/PT may have odor issues, because their fans are 100 percent outside air fans. Based on typical wind patterns, no major issues with these areas are anticipated.

While the roofing odors are not harmful, they can be unpleasant. Like any irritant, sensitivity and reaction varies between people. Please do not hesitate to call FDM, ext. 4515, if your area becomes a problem. FDM will do all it can to mitigate odors in a particular area.
**Great America Offers Great Deal During GSU Days**

Student Life is sponsoring GSU Days at Great America on July 26 and 27, and August 9 and 10.

Students may purchase tickets for $29 that can be used on any of the four days. The tickets include admission to the Great America water parks.

Tickets may be purchased at the Cashier’s Office. Hurry, tickets are selling fast!

**Philip Moeller Speaks Tonight**

This month’s Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series comes to an end tonight with Philip Moeller’s presentation on *Creating a Shared Vision*. He will speak from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Moeller, the former president of Holland LP, was scheduled to speak earlier this month but his appearance was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly’s Dynamic Leadership presentation, originally scheduled for June 24, was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

The series, free and open to the public, has featured speakers who discuss aspects of management and governance related to their own lives as successful leaders. The lectures have been sponsored by the College of Business and Public Administration. Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

**Outdoor Dining at Grill and Chill**

Grill and Chill, sponsored by GSU Café, continues this Thursday between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., on the patio outside the Hall of Governors.

Each week, the GSU Café chef will prepare a featured grilled combo meal, for $5.50, including a sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte options are also available with sandwiches for $3.50, chips or one side for $1.50, and beverage for $1.

Grill and Chill features hamburgers and cheeseburgers every week, along with hot dogs, and veggie burgers; chips; canned soda or water; and weekly specials.

Weekly specials will include:
- June 27 - Bratwurst with sauerkraut, German potato salad
- July 11 - Marinated chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad
- July 18 - Boneless pork chop sandwich, cole slaw
- July 25 - Turkey burger, fruit salad
- August 1 - Maxwell Street Polish sausage