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News and Events

Planned Power Outage – October 4 and 5, 2008

Governors State University will undergo a planned power outage on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5. The outage will last from 5 a.m. on Saturday to midnight on Sunday.

Regular university services will be unavailable during this two-day period. Faculty, staff, students, and community members are encouraged to refrain from visiting campus during the outage. However the university will not prohibit on campus visitors. All individuals visiting campus during the outing do so at their own risk and should not expect normal operations. Individuals visiting campus are required to check in with the Department of Public Safety on the first floor of C-wing, room C1375 (entrance near Department of Human Resources).

On campus courses, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 4, have been either relocated or cancelled depending upon each individual instructor's preference. All students and faculty attending a regularly scheduled course should report directly to the new course location only.

The power outage will not affect off campus access to all online GSU computer systems including WebCT, Blackboard, GSU email, student email, the library's online catalog and databases, and the GSU website.

A few important reminders:

Please empty refrigerators by Thursday, October 2. This will give Facilities Development and Management time to dispose of the trash prior to the outage.

Personnel are reminded to save all computer work before leaving campus on Friday, October 3. ITS recommends that all campus computers be powered off prior to the outage to prevent loss or damage to files and individual units.

For additional information, refer to the FAQ or contact the Department of Public Safety at 708.534.4900.

Enjoy First Friday

All faculty and staff are invited to attend a First Friday Social Hour on October 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., on the Library Balcony. The opportunity to mix and mingle, converse and laugh is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the School of Extended Learning, and University Library.

Get in the Swim

The Recreation and Fitness Center swimming pool will reopen for normal operations on October 6. All existing six month and annual center memberships purchased prior to September 6, 2008 will be extended by one month in addition to the prior, pool-related extensions. All extensions must be processed through the Recreation and Fitness Centers sales office (A1106).

Free Family Counseling

Today's families face economic and social pressures as well communication difficulties that frequently disrupt family unity and the ability to cope. Frequently, one of the most important tools needed to understand and cope with these issues is family counseling. Unfortunately, families often do not know how to access counseling, believe they cannot afford it, or are embarrassed to seek it out.

It is especially important for individuals and families to know about the free, confidential counseling services available at GSU.

Counseling services are offered by the Division of Psychology and Counseling as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students. Students who are studying for their Master of Arts in Counseling, provide free confidential family, couples, individual, and vocational counseling. Faculty members, who are also licensed counselors, supervise the sessions.

For more information, call 708.534.4545.

Intellectual Life Grant Process

The GSU Intellectual Life Committee is initiating its first Intellectual Life Grant process. Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 15 and May 31, 2009 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities, and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits,

presentations in local communities, and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although all members of the GSU community and the region are welcome to attend.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Submissions are due November 3, 2008. Award winners will be notified by November 14, 2008.

For more information and application forms, contact co-chairs [Diane Dates Casey](#) or [Jim Howley](#).

Co-host Katz

Marsha Katz, Professor in the College of Business and Public Administration, is co-hosting the 16th International Meeting of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles. The conference, which takes place in Chicago on October 2 through 4, is co-hosted by DePaul University.

This year's conference theme is "Managing an Ethically and Socially Responsible Workplace." The Association focuses on organizational concepts and practices for the effective managing of organizations, people, and performance within the context of the higher levels of ethical principles and practices.

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SIDL Portfolio Workshop

Learn how developing a Prior Learning Portfolio can help you earn credit toward a B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at a workshop on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Honors. The workshop includes an explanation of the process and what prospective students need to submit to earn credit.

The workshop is open to the public. To register, contact the [SIDL office](#), x 4092.

