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News and Events

Read On - You Won't be Board

The university's Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 17. Several integral decisions were made that will impact the university in the next year and for years to come.

Perhaps the most significant action taken at Friday's meeting was the approval of the new Strategic Plan. The plan, entitled *Strategy 2015: Inspire Hope, Realize Dreams, Strengthen Community*, will guide GSU through the next six years. The final version of the Strategic Plan is available on the web.

As always, the budget was a hot topic. GSU's FY 2009 Operating Budget was formally approved as was the framework for the FY 2010 request to the State.

During her report, Board Chair Lorine S. Samuels noted that the group recently completed their comprehensive assessment of President Maimon's performance during her first year at GSU. "The Board is very pleased and satisfied with the management and direction that President Maimon has been providing to GSU. She has provided effective leadership for the institution's realistic and manageable growth, both in its programs and in enrollment."

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, December 12.

Two for Tuesday Are Back

Curious about the large outdoor sculptures that dot the campus? Too busy for a full tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park?

NMSP director and curator Geoff Bates will present a series of informal, lively, half-hour presentations comparing and contrasting a different pair of works from the collection on the first and third Tuesday of the month beginning October 21 and continuing through January 20.

The talks take place indoors and involve no walking or touring of the park, although the artwork is open for touring or viewing daily, from dawn to dusk. The talks, like the sculpture park, are free and open to the public. They are held in room D-1497, at 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m.

The first Two for Tuesday will consider Bruce Nauman's *House Divided* and Henri Etienne-Martin's *Lanleff – Demeure No. 4*. The full schedule of Two for Tuesday topics and other sculpture park events can be found [on the web](#).

Bring lunch or a snack, enjoy the conversation, and learn what influenced the artists and might inspire you.

Community Forum - The 2008 Election



A Community Forum on the 2008 Election will be held on Tuesday, October 28, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The goal of the forum is to empower the community and provide an opportunity to voice concerns about the issues facing the country and to share. The focus will be issues and not candidates.

A panel of four faculty members will begin the event with brief overviews of the major issues of the election. The panelists include Prof. Larry Levinson (Political and Justice Studies), Prof. Donald Culverson (Political and Justice Studies), Prof. Chelsea Haring (Political and Justice Studies), and Prof. Anthony Andrews (Business and Health Administration).

An open microphone will be available for community members to participate in the discussion. Everyone is welcome.

Be Well and Prosper

While we may take a vitamin a day, try to eat a balanced meal, and get some exercise, taking care of our emotional health often takes a back seat to the demands of daily living.

To address this tendency, and in recognition of Emotional Wellness Month in October, the College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring an Emotional Wellness Workshop on October 28, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge at GSU. The workshop will be led by Dr. Sharon Hudson, adjunct faculty in communications.

Workshop topics include nurturing a positive attitude, reducing stress, balancing work and family life, and relaxation, laughter, and fun.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at x3956.

Meet the King Gimp

The College of Health and Human Services is presenting a film screening and discussion with Dan Keplinger who suffers from cerebral palsy, yet is an acclaimed artist and both the on-screen subject and writer of *King Gimp* - an HBO film that won an Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject in 2000.

The film's title aptly describes Keplinger himself, who says, "Most people think gimp means someone with a lame walk. But gimp also means a fighting spirit."

Keplinger will bring his remarkable tale of perseverance, determination and fighting spirit to Governors State University on Wednesday, October 22.

Keplinger's award-winning documentary, *King Gimp*, will be screened at 3 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. in Sherman Recital Hall. At 5:30 p.m., Keplinger will host a meet-the-artist discussion entitled *Keys to Success*. For additional information, call 708.534.7290.



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