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## News and Events

### Celebrate the Election

No matter which candidate or party you support, the GSU Election Day party is a band wagon we can all jump aboard. The GSU Election Day celebration includes refreshments, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the front entrance atrium, outside D-1410. Continuous television coverage of the election will also be available both in the atrium and the Hall of Governors. This celebration is sponsored by the Student Senate.

### On the Move

#### **Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies**

The Provost Office recently announced that Dr. Linda Samson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, will serve as interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. This new position replaces OSPR and will better serve the research and grant seeking needs of the university.

Dr. Samson will continue to serve as Dean of CHHS and will be provided with additional support to fill both roles. She brings a wealth of expertise to this position and is willing to take on the challenge of developing GSU's infrastructure for the research, sponsored programs, and graduate education functions.

The Provost also acknowledged the excellent efforts of Dr. Becky Nugent, who faithfully served as the Interim Director of OSPR during the last year. She was responsible for developing a systematic external grant procedure that faculty are now following.

#### **FDC Director Named**

Carol Morrison recently joined the GSU community as the new Executive Director of the Family Development Center. She brings thirteen years of experience working with children including Senior Director, Child Development and Early Intervention at Bethel New Life, Inc., and Vice President of Children's Resources at Bona Vista Rehabilitation Programs, Inc.

She was responsible for two Head Start programs, a home based Early Childhood Family Education Support program, managed and supervised the Child Care Resource and Referral Program and planned and implemented a Full Day Preschool program, as well as many other responsibilities.

#### **COE Division Chair Announced**

Dr. Colleen Sexton was recently named Division Chair in the Division of Education. She will be active in the NCATE accreditation process, achieving enrollment growth, accessing new resources for the division, and the possible establishment of new degree programs. Dr. Sexton comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience that will serve the Division of Education and the college, as well.

The Provost also acknowledged the efforts for Dr. George Garrett for his exemplar services to the division as interim chair.

### Chat Session

GSU is fast approaching its 40-year anniversary and with this important milestone comes a host of good questions about the university's plans for the next 40 years. Join the conversation about the state of the university today and in the future.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to meet with President Maimon on Tuesday, November 11, at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. Questions will be answered, ideas will be shared, and pizza will be enjoyed.

## **"Customizing Your Homepage" Workshop**

Every course at Governors State University has an eLearning (Blackboard CE) shell, which supports class communication and allows faculty to place course materials online. Course shells are now available for the next trimester.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering a hands-on workshop on the use of Winter 2009 course shells, on Thursday, November 6, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. *Customizing Your Homepage* will show what CE-6 tools are available, how to edit the homepage, and how to upload a syllabus. The session will be held in D2438 (ACS lab).

Participants are asked to bring a digital copy of their Winter 2009 syllabus to the workshop.

Seats are limited and enrollment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register or for more information, contact [Barbara Mandel](#) at ext. 4940.

## **GSU is a SAP University**

Beginning this academic year, students and faculty at Governors State University will have access to one of the business world's most advanced and popular enterprise resource planning software packages. Participation in the SAP University Alliance will enable GSU to offer advanced training to both graduate and undergraduate students in real world enterprise resource planning software.

"Acceptance in this alliance gives our students access to software used by most national and international corporations," explains [Dr. David Green](#), Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems. "They will gain hands-on familiarity and experience with this advanced software, which they will need in the workplace. It gives our graduates a competitive advantage."

Membership in the SAP University Alliance is gained after application review and compliance with usage standards is assured.

## **GSU Writers Ink**

Children's Authors Wannabes and Novel Writer's Knock-Outs have combined to create GSU Writers Ink. If you are interested in writing, this group is for you. Members encourage and serve as a sounding board for one another. The next meeting is Thursday, November 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Library Administrative Conference Room. Bring lunch, writing you'd like to share, and ideas to bounce off a larger group.

## **Addictions Studies Club**

Students and alumni are invited to attend the Addictions Studies Club meeting on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. For more information, call [Dr. James Golding](#) at ext. 7397.

## **Contribute to a World of Smiles**

While there are many universally understood expressions, a genuine smile is perhaps the friendliest and most welcoming. The Office of International Services wants to showcase the smiles of GSU during International Education Week. The photos will be displayed on November 17 as part of the celebration of

International Education with the belief that we all smile in the same language.

Please submit photographs of you, your family, and friends no later than November 7 to the Office of International Services (C3370). All photos will be returned. Please specify your name and return information on the back of the photograph.



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