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News and Events

PBAC - Full Steam Ahead

This week, Dr. Maimon appointed the 2009-2010 members to the Planning and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC). Created in 2007, the PBAC committee has helped the university navigate challenging economic times. Specifically, the group promotes transparency and accountability in resource allocation, and provides continuous improvement of GSU's planning and budgeting process, systems, structures, policies, and practices.

2009-2010 PBAC Membership

- David Curtis, Interim Provost, Co-Chair
- Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President, Co-Chair
- Kevin Barto, Superintendent of Grounds, Facilities Management
- Paul Blobaum, President of the Faculty Senate, University Library
- Deborah Bordelon, Dean, COE
- Larry Cross, Associate Professor, Education, COE
- Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean, CBPA
- Shannon Dermer, Division Chair, Psychology and Counseling, COE.
- Dave Diers, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy, CHHS
- Rupert Evans, Assistant Professor, Health Administration, CHHS
- Carmin Garnica, President, Student Senate
- Pam Guimond, Assistant Professor, Science, CAS
- Rosemary Hulett, Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement

- Karen Kissel, Comptroller & Associate V.P. for Financial Services
- Shelly Kumar, Professor, Science, CAS
- Joe Matula, Assistant Professor of Education, COE
- Kathy Miller, President, Civil Service Senate
- Charles Nolley, Director, Digital Learning & Media Design
- Beth Parin, Associate Professor, Liberal Arts, CAS
- Bill Yacullo, Department Chair, CDIS, CRRS
- Jun Zhao, Associate Professor of Management, CBPA

Free Advanced Microsoft Training

In conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board of Will County, Microsoft is offering free online technical training to all employers and employees within Will County at no cost. The local program is part of the Illinois-Microsoft Elevate America program, a public-private partnership between the State and the software giant.



All GSU employees are eligible to participate. Students are also eligible to participate if they live or work in Will County. In order to be admitted to the online courses, participants must complete an application form. Program enrollment ends on October 31, 2009. Completed forms must be submitted to HR no later than October 23. All courses must be completed within one year, by October 31, 2010. GSU employees are encouraged to contact their supervisors who have received application forms via e-mail.

Individuals are limited to a total of six Business and ten Technical Professional course vouchers. Vouchers are available on a first come, first serve basis.

All courses are online and are self-paced. Two course tracks are available:

- Business Courses – 50 courses available for Vista, Office 2003, and Office 2007
- Technical Professional Courses – 125 courses for Microsoft server and programming language products

Employees with questions should contact the Department of Human Resources at ext. 4515. Interested students can complete the [form online](#) and should call the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357 with questions.

Foundation Board Member Awarded

Nelda Connors, GSU Foundation Board member and president of Tyco Electrical and Metal Products, was recently named one of 46 local business people who will be featured in Chicago United's 2009 Business Leaders of Color publication. Chicago United recommends this group to Fortune 1000 corporate boards looking to increase diversity among their ranks as a strategic business imperative.

The Business Leaders of Color features accomplished corporate and civic leaders who have achieved professional success through a track record of balanced decision-making; a range of experiences that reflect flexibility and an ability to transcend narrow experiences; and a respect for diverse points of view and varied ways to approach issues and topics.

Past BLC honorees include First Lady Michelle Obama; Ralph Alvarez, President and Chief Operating Officer of McDonald's Corp.; and Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama.

Affordable Reading

Mark your calendars for The Friends of the GSU Library book sale on Thursday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Paperback novels, books on religion, business, management, psychology, nursing, and other popular topics will be available. Prices start at an affordable \$0.50. Grab a great read for a great deal.

Get Connected with LinkedIn

Learn how to use LinkedIn, a social networking tool, to market yourself in today's competitive job market. Career Services is offering workshops on Monday, October 26, from noon to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.



Topics include:

- The benefits of LinkedIn

- How to establish a LinkedIn profile

- How to use LinkedIn to network and help your career

The free workshops are open to students, alumni, and the GSU community. For more information, call 708.235.1173.

Classroom of the Future

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning (COTL) is holding a workshop for faculty investigating how to move their courses to a fully online format on Wednesday, October 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., in D2438. Participants will be provided individual support by COTL faculty to help them design and build their fully online courses.

The workshop will focus on:

- Turning successful classroom techniques into equivalent web-based experiences
- Developing lesson plans for online course
- Course organization and digital content development to ensure efficient and effective teaching

A separate workshop for faculty wishing to develop hybrid courses will be offered later in the month.

To register, contact [Jan Engle](#) at ext. 3073.

Friends Solve the Mystery

The Friends of Mysteries are celebrating GSU's 40th anniversary by reading and talking about mysteries that were published in 1969. Join us on October 28, at noon, in the cafeteria for a discussion of Agatha Christie's *Hallowe'en Party*.

Hallowe'en Party is a Hercule Poirot mystery and was published near the end of Dame Christie's career. Join us for a lively discussion of this perennial favorite.

On November 19, at noon, in the library, the groups will discuss *The Best Man to Die* by Ruth Rendell. On December 16, at noon, in the cafeteria, the mystery of the *Death of a Dude* by Rex Stout will be unraveled.

Tickets Going Fast



GSU's 40th Anniversary year will culminate in style with a week of special events that celebrates the past and looks forward toward a bright future. From November 2 through 7, the university community will host lectures, workshops, tours, and outreach events. The week culminates with a celebration in grand fashion on Saturday, November 7, with a Tribute to Motown Greats, featuring a pre-show reception and

post-show dancing with a DJ.

40th Anniversary Celebration

- Pre-Show Reception - 6 p.m.
- *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* - 7:30 p.m.
- DJ/Dancing – 9:30 p.m. to midnight

The \$50 ticket price includes the pre-show reception, *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* show, post-show DJ/dancing, cash bar before and after show. 1960s attire is encouraged.

Seating for this once in a lifetime event is limited. Reserve your tickets today. Call 708.534.4128 or visit the [40th Anniversary website](#).

Snakes, Spiders, Alligators - Oh My

Emmy Award-winning creator, producer, and host of Animal Planet's *The Jeff Corwin Experience* and *Corwin's Quest*, Jeff Corwin will visit GSU's [Center for Performing Arts](#) on Saturday, October 17, at 2 p.m. He will be joined by amazing creatures and will talk about his adventures around the world.



GSU two-for-one tickets will be available for seats on the main floor. Regular price is \$39 for adults and \$26 for kids. Seats are available close to the stage and are the ones from which Corwin selects people to join him. The offer begins on Friday, October 16, at 10 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. just before the show. Call 708.235.2222 or visit the box office to purchase tickets.

Principals Develop New Program

The Wallace Foundation and the Illinois Board of Higher Education have chosen GSU as one of three test sites statewide for reviewing and recommending models for the redefined new principal preparation programs.

The [Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education \(MILE\)](#) is coordinating GSU's participation. Twelve current school principals will attend a day and a half long session on October 26 and 27, which will focus on creating a principal preparation program that focuses on student learning and school improvement. The primary goal of the agenda is to increase educational attainment to match the best-performing states in the country.

Principals participating in the program will receive a stipend and

workbook describing the models. For information, contact [Ron Patton](#), MILE Mentoring Coordinator, at 708.534.4948.

Veterans' Questions Answered

Lynn Salkeld, of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, will be on campus to the questions of military personnel and veterans on Thursday, October 22 and Thursday, December 17. Salkeld will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in room D1408 with information on employment, disability services, educational opportunities, and other topics.

Negotiate Successfully

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) Leadership Series is sponsoring an administrators' academy on Negotiation Strategies on October 23. This workshop will discuss collective bargaining in Illinois public schools, including strategies and tactics for successful negotiations.

For information or to register, contact [Gabrielle Sutton](#) at 708.534.4024.

Manufacturing Summit at GSU

Members of the Chicagoland business, industry, and entrepreneurship communities will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the issue and concerns of establishing, maintaining, and growing manufacturing in today's economy at the Chicago Southland Manufacturing Summit on Friday, October 23, beginning at 9 a.m. at The Center for Performing Arts.

The summit is begins at 8:30 a.m. with networking and breakfast. The program begins at 9 a.m. with welcoming remarks from Dr. Elaine Maimon, President of GSU; and Kimberly Porter, Director of Economic and Community Development for the Village of University Park.

The seminar presentation includes speakers William A. Strauss, Senior Economist/Economic Advisor for the Federal Reserve of Chicago who will provide an economic overview with highlights of the Midwest and Chicago Manufacturing index, employment trends, and outlook. Greg Baise, President of Illinois Manufacturing Association, will talk about how manufacturers can prepare themselves for the future in order to maintain a vibrant U.S. manufacturing sector.

Panelists include Mary Culler, Director of Government Affairs for Ford Motor Company; Gary Gardner, President of Namaste Laboratories; Patrick Ormsby, President of Bimba Manufacturing; and Dan Swinney, Executive Director of the Chicago Manufacturing Renaissance Council. Dr

Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration will moderate the presentations and discussion.

The summit is hosted by the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, Governors State University, and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors include The Horton Group, Governors State University, CenterPoint at Governors State University, Chicago Manufacturing Center, and Strategic Business Services Inc.

This event is free. Advance registration is strongly recommended. For more information or to register, call 708.922.4671 or email reggie.greenwood@ssma.org. Event information can also be found [online](#).

Help and Hope to Returning Vets

Recognizing the Need for Peer Support for Returning Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans is the topic of an important, free seminar to be on October 27, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Participants in this seminar will focus on making a difference in the lives of returning Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans. The seminar will focus on understanding the need and benefit of peer support for vets, developing ways that the university and the GSU Counseling Department can help veterans and their families, and establishing a peer support network on campus.

The seminar is sponsored by Chi Sigma Iota – the Professional Counseling Honors Society, and the Illinois Association of Counseling Students at GSU. For more information or to register for this free seminar, call 708.534.4907.

Power Blips

Facilities will test all of its emergency generators on Friday, October 16, from 7 a.m. to approximately noon. Wings A through G, OTS, and the FDC may be affected with two anticipated "blips" of power interruption as general commercial power switches to the generator.

Tests will only affect circuits that are on emergency power (specific light fixtures and outlets). Since most wall outlets are connected to the standard power panel, computer work should not be affected. However, please save your work often to be on the safe side.

Please contact Facilities at ext. 4515 with questions.



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