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News and Events

PBAC is Bac(k)

Fresh off the success of the FY '09 planning process, the PBAC committee is preparing to look ahead to FY '10. Dr. Maimon has named new committee members and co-chairs of the six standing subcommittees.

One of the most important projects currently in development is the creation of a submission process and specific awards criteria for the distribution of the \$250,000 in the Strategic Opportunity Fund. The funds are to be distributed on a competitive basis to faculty, staff, and/or units for special projects which reflect at least one of the Strategic Plan's goals. Once the guidelines are established, a call for proposals will be issued.

Harvest Fest - ivities

Enjoy an evening of spooky fun and fall festivities at the Haunted Hayride and Harvest Fest on Friday, October 24. This free, fun, family event is open to the entire GSU community: students, faculty, staff, and their families and friends.

Activities include the delightfully spooky haunted hayride, great food, a rockin' D.J., lively karaoke, laser tag, and Rock Band competitions. The little monsters in attendance can bounce on pumpkin and ghost ship shaped moonwalks.

The fun takes place in the cafeteria annex and the gymnasium. It all begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Don't get left in the dark. Show up early and have some fun.

The Haunted Hayride and Harvest Fest are sponsored by Student Life and the Student Senate. For more information, contact [Sara Appel](#) at x4550.

Winter Course Schedule Online

The course schedule for [Winter 2009](#) is now available online. Printed schedules will also be available on campus in the near future.

As a reminder, touchtone registration is no longer available beginning with the Winter 2009 trimester.

Migration and Immigration

Migration and Immigration, the artwork of Lenore Lopez of Blue Island, will be exhibited at the Visual Arts Gallery until November 5. The exhibit explores the complex issue of immigration and the subsequent problems related to border crossing through a combination of media, from traditional still life to installation pieces.

An opening reception will take place on October 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 708.534.4021.

Day of the Dead

Latino Center for Excellence will host a Day of the Dead Celebration and a Computer Lab Open House, October 27 to 30, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and October 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in room A2134. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to share the tradition, learn something new, and have some fun.

The Day of the Dead is traditionally celebrated to honor those who have died with special memorials, decorations, and refreshments. During the celebration and open house, visitors will have an opportunity to decorate paper "sugar skulls," and enjoy authentic Mexican candy, as well as learn about the computer lab, scholarship board, reference materials, and specialized software.

For more information, call 708.254.2981.

Friends Thank Friends

The Friends of the GSU Library were thrilled and gratified by the overwhelming response they received from the GSU community to their recent bake sale, silent auction, and used book sale. The events were a great success and the funds raised will be used to enhance the library collection for everyone's benefit.

You Bid and I Raise

At the recent Board of Trustees meeting, the Higher Education Procurement thresholds for RFPs and bids were raised, as allowed by law, in two categories.

By definition, a bid/RFP threshold is the total cost of the purchase, contract, or completion of the defined scope of work.

The new bid/ RFP thresholds are as follows:

Category	Example	New Level
Professional & artistic services	consultants	\$20,000 *
Tangible Commodity/equipment	furniture, etc.	\$50,000
Construction POs/change orders	FDM projects	\$70,000

* The change in the P&A RFP or bid threshold cannot be changed without additional legislative change in advance.

These bid thresholds are effective immediately.

GSU Procurement can and will seek bids and competition at any dollar value needed. For more information, contact [Tracy Sullivan](#), x 2179.

Speak Up

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the student speaker for the Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Both nomination forms must be completed and submitted to [Sara Appel](#), Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, no later than Friday, October 31.

Nomination forms are available on the web or at the Welcome Center, D1429. To be eligible, the nominated student must be graduating at the ceremony. Please note that the student is also required to meet for an interview on Monday, November 10, 2008, between Noon and 5 p.m.

President's SCUP Runneth Over

On Nov. 6, President Maimon will participate in the Society for College and University Planning's (SCUP's) 2008 Southern Regional Conference.

"I am honored by the invitation from the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) to serve on a luncheon panel on the topic, *Higher Education's Role in the Social and Economic Sustainability of Communities*. The conference organizers read my article, *The University as Public Square*, and invited me to tell Governor State University's story as a model twenty-first century university. In our strategic plan, sustainability has multiple meanings - stewardship of the natural environment, of course, but also leadership in creating sustainable communities in challenging economic times."

Attended by presidents from across the country, the theme of this year's conference is *Regeneration: Planning Beyond Sustainability*.

Alumna Returns

Lelia Deberry understands the value of a college education. Growing up in Tennessee in the thirties, her father made sure she knew that the ultimate goal was to earn her bachelor's degree. As it happens to so many, however, that diploma proved elusive. Life, work, and family got in the way, until in 1998, at age 67, Deberry earned her Bachelor of Arts from GSU.

Now, years later, Deberry has returned to GSU, this time accompanied by a new GSU student, her granddaughter Aliscia Doriety. Doriety is studying for her Master of Arts in Communications.

Deberry's tour of the campus led her to comment that much had changed in the past 10 years. Her impressions of GSU, however, have not changed. "This was the best school I ever attended." She fondly recalled her favorite professors, Dr. Jagdish Dave and Vanleela Dave, and the wonderful students who attended class with her.

According to Deberry, the goal is always to get an education. The best advice she gives her seven children, 30 grand children, and 10 great grandchildren and anyone thinking of returning to school is "if success is at the end of the trail, why stop there? You must continue."

