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Campus road and sidewalk project given the green light

GSU received great news last week. The State of Illinois Capital Development Board granted an authorization to proceed with the campus roadways and sidewalk improvement project at GSU.

The project will remove and replace approximately 4,000 feet of the University Drive curbed median, provide a re-configured theater loading dock to accommodate two way and truck traffic, and provide an increase in accessible parking near the A North entry doors.



The alumni path to the Metra station will also be removed and replaced with a wider path including new pavement near the grants office parking lot. New road pavement will be installed from University Parkway all the way to the Family Development Center. The project will be disruptive during construction, but we are excited about the improvements to our campus. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Civil Service Senate welcomes new senators

GSU's Civil Service Senate welcomes eight new Senators and had six Senators re-elected to two-year terms, following its 2014 election in April.

The Civil Service Senate plays a vital role in governing Civil Service affairs on campus. It recommends policies and procedures regarding evaluations, salary, merit, education and development. The Senate also makes recommendations on issues concerning grievances and campus physical resources.

This year's newly elected Senators are:

- Cassandra Ingram
- Audrey McIntyre
- Anjanette Daniels-Ellis
- Dennis Dent
- Dorothea Franklin
- Joyce Giroux
- LaShenna Fuller
- Candace Dade

Senators elected to another two-year term are:

- Gina Ragland
- Sheryl Jones-Harper
- Paula Cosenza
- Raquel Rios-Aguirre
- Sandi Kawanna
- Eric Nicholson

They join current Senators Laura Owens, Lauren Esolato, LaTonia Richmond, Karen Sinwelski, Scott Smith, Shawn Jones, Mary Rothenberg, Sabrina Slocum, Adrienne Gray, Debra Sbalchiero and Merri Wilkerson.

Special board meeting scheduled for this week

The GSU Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Thursday, June 19 at 4 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Join faculty and staff to learn more about social media

Are you a newcomer to social media? Perhaps you know a little bit but want to learn about platforms you're not familiar with. GSU has a terrific opportunity for faculty, staff and students to learn more about the social media environment in which we live.



GSU will host a series of social media workshops entitled "Re-imagining Education for the 21st Century." The series is a joint effort between the Summer Faculty Institute and the Student Affairs Summer Professional Development Conference.

Our incoming first-year students, who were born after 1995, have been characterized as "digital natives," meaning they operate within some sort of digital platform anytime, anywhere. They expect access to people, goods and services via their digital devices nearly 24/7, from wherever they choose to be. Conversely, faculty, staff and administrators, who were not born into the digital age, are described as "digital immigrants."

These workshops will serve as introductions to various social media platforms and are designed for beginners with a focus on how to use these tools to communicate better with "digital natives" and to supplement curricular engagement.

| Social Media Platform | Date | Time | Presenter(s) |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Instagram | June 19 | 1-2 p.m. | Kristie Nieman |
| LinkedIn | June 23 | 1-2 p.m. | Darcie Campos |
| Flickr/Picasa | June 24 | 11 a.m.-noon | Diane Nadler |

All workshops will be held in B2203 with a 50-person capacity. If there is sufficient interest, these workshops will be repeated in early Fall 2014.

Workshops co-sponsored by Student Affairs, University Library and the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. Please register with Lisa Carra lcarra@govst.edu.

Technology Users Group meeting: setting up VPN from home and using "Snip-it"



The Technology Users Group (TUG) will show how to set up VPN from home and how to use "Snip-it" at its next meeting Wednesday, June 18 at 2 p.m. in room D2447.

Jackie Johnson, Amy Barsha and Karen Stuenkel will also present a demonstration of new Colleague functionality titled "School of Extended Learning and Instant Enrollment."

TUG provides a monthly forum for members of the GSU community to share and discuss their experiences using the university systems. All faculty and staff members are welcome to attend.

Friends of the Library drop box

The next time you visit the GSU Library, be sure to look for the new library drop box located outside of the temporary library entrance. During the library renovation, the new drop box will be used to return books when the library is closed. When the renovation is completed, the drop box will be put outside to replace the current drop box.



"We are very appreciative to the Friends of the GSU Library for providing the library with this new drop box," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.

Library renovation on schedule for August unveiling



The GSU library renovation is right on schedule and will be unveiled in August, said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, the library's dean. "Old walls have come down and new walls are going up," she said. "We are working very closely with the FDM management team and they have indicated that the renovation is on target to be completed on time," she said.

"As the renovation continues, there may be times when there is noise in the library. So far, all using the library have been patient and understanding and we appreciate that," she said.

Library hours through Friday, July 18th are as follows:

- From Monday, June 16th – Friday, July 18th
- Open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30p.m.
- Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Physical Therapy Student Association hosts Fourth Annual Run4Rehab



The day was sunny and beautiful for this year's Fourth Annual 2014 Run4Rehab 5k run/2-mile walk/roll on May 31. The fundraiser was held on campus and was sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association.

The event served to raise money and awareness for the Brain Injury Association of Illinois (BIA of IL). Executive director of the BIA of IL, Philicia L. Deckard, matched up each runner to a BIA of IL member with a brain injury, so that each participant was able to run for a specific cause. Over 40 participants ran and walked to show their support for this overlooked population.

"With the interest generated this year and positive vibes we've already received, next year's race will only be better," said Kelly Cooke, a third-year doctor of physical therapy student. Cooke served as main organizer for this year's event, and was assisted by fellow physical therapy students, including Maria Wondra, and GSU Physical Therapy staff members, including Joyce Sligar, senior university lecturer and co-director of clinical education, as well as faculty sponsor for the PTSA.

The Brain Injury Association of Illinois is a not-for-profit, statewide membership organization which comprises people with brain injuries, their family members, friends and other health professionals. BIA of IL is part of a network of brain injury associations across the United States, and is a subsidiary of the 34-year-old national Brain Injury Association, Inc. Dedicated to providing information, advocacy and support, the BIA of IL is the only organization in Illinois serving individuals with traumatic brain injury, their family members and professionals who treat them.

Teachers can call upon experience of peers and mentors at STEM conference



Registration is now open for the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative's 2nd Annual Beginning Teacher STEM Conference, July 29 – 30 at the I Hotel in Champaign.

This conference is open to K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering and math teachers with one to four years of full-time classroom experience. This includes elementary and secondary teachers. Mentors, district administrators, and GSU STEM faculty are also welcome to attend.

This conference offers beginning STEM teachers an opportunity to:

- Attend sessions led by master teachers and STEM university faculty, all of whom are experts in their field
- Gain valuable teaching tools and ideas to use in their classroom next year
- Reflect on and share the past year's teaching experience
- Network with other new teachers from around the state

Conference registration is free. The conference includes one breakfast, two lunches, and a reception, plus a chance at winning several door prizes, including an iPad mini. The conference is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, the College of Engineering at Illinois, the State Farm Companies Foundation, and the College of Education at Illinois.

For more information and to register, GSU-affiliated new teachers, mentors, administrators, and faculty can go to <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/events/stem2014gsu/>. The conference is sponsored by Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant. CPDUs will be available.

If you have questions, please contact intc@illinois.edu or 217.244.7389.

GSU myONECARD – now accepted at GSU Café, bookstore



Shopping for GSU gear, textbooks and food just got a whole lot easier. The GSU Cafe and bookstore are now accepting the GSU myONECARD for payment. Check out the myONECARD [website](#) for information on how to register your myONECARD and add money to your card on line or at the cash loader in the Hall of Governors (adjacent

to the First Midwest ATM). The GSU myONECARD is perfect for buying GSU Jaguar apparel on sale in the campus bookstore. Show your school pride today.

Get a plot in the University Sustainable Garden while they last

Calling all gardeners, you still have an opportunity to have a plot in the University Sustainable Garden. The cost for a plot is \$10 – \$20, depending on the plot size. Part of the university's commitment to sustainability the garden provides space for individuals or families to grow their own healthy food using fully organic methods. All participants, including returning gardeners, must complete a 2014 application, sign the rules agreement and make payment to reserve a plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website: www.govst.edu/garden/.



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