The Inclusion Advocates program was initiated last spring as a means of enhancing our search processes to ensure that all qualified candidates are identified and given full consideration.

An inclusion advocate serves as a member of the search committee and is a faculty or staff member specially trained to facilitate a hiring process that is inclusive and welcoming to all candidates. The advocate, chosen by the search committee chair, offers ways to create the broadest possible search and encourages other committee members to think expansively about the colleague they wish to invite as a member of the SVSU community. Specifically, advocates may assist with drafting advertisements and postings, creating screening instruments, conducting applicant screening, identifying additional advertising avenues, and suggesting venues to showcase SVSU to prospective candidates. While there is no mandate to include an inclusion advocate on every search committee, we hope that committees will take advantage of this opportunity to promote effective, fair and inclusive hiring practices.

Inclusion Advocates Program

Communication is one of the toughest challenges of our age. Ironically, we have more means of communication than ever, but in the swarm of emails, tweets, instant messages, printed memos, voicemails, and websites a surprising amount of information gets lost or overlooked. Academic Announcements is an attempt to consolidate and disseminate important information related to Academic Affairs. We are introducing the newsletter in hardcopy, but future issues will be delivered electronically.

Among the benefits of working at a university like SVSU are the large number of cultural, athletic, and intellectual events that take place each semester. Sometimes these events bring renowned outsiders to campus, but frequently the events feature our own students, faculty, and staff. I am certain that each unit within academic affairs sponsors interesting seminars, performances, symposia, exhibits, etc. This newsletter is intended to inform each of us what is going on and hopefully increase support for these initiatives across units.

Academic Announcements will include important academic deadlines as well as notices of major events or initiatives. The intent is not to duplicate material published elsewhere (e.g. in Interiors or websites) but rather to provide a convenient source of information on upcoming events, deadlines, and other newsworthy items. A newsletter is only as good as the information it contains, so we rely on the faculty and staff to inform our office (mckoz@svsu.edu) of important events and dates. Our intent is to publish this newsletter monthly. The deadline for submission is the first Friday of each month for publication in the next month’s issue.

I wish you all a productive and successful year, and look forward to seeing you at campus events.

Donald J. Bachand
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Streamlining the Research Process with New Discovery Tools

Over the summer Zahnow Library staff have been busy implementing new discovery tools to streamline the process of searching for and finding information in the library’s catalog and online databases. Up until now, users have had to search CardCat and any number of online databases separately, and keep track of the results of those searches separately and independently from one another. Now, our new discovery tools, called Encore and ResearchPro, work together to enable researchers to find information in the library catalog and in multiple online databases through an integrated search interface.

The Encore interface displays results from library catalog searches categorized by format and date. Users will also see additional new features such as faceted search results, Tag Clouds to help you limit a search, Did You Mean…? prompts, Popular Choices based on item check-outs, Recently Added suggestions showing new items, and RightResult relevance rankings. Another important new feature also lets researchers search multiple article databases simultaneously by clicking on the Find Articles link on the initial Encore results screen.

When researchers are only interested in searching for journal articles in the library’s online databases, ResearchPro provides the ability to search up to five databases simultaneously through a single search box. Users can choose from a preselected list of general or subject-specific databases, or pick and choose the most appropriate database covering their research topic.

Visit the library home page at http://www.svsu.edu/library to discover ways to start and often finish your research with a single search. For questions or a demonstration, please stop by the Reference Desk on the 1st floor of the library or call us at (989) 964-4236.

Spotlight on Online Learning

Sheri Beattie, Online Course Developer
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My role is to support faculty in their efforts to develop quality online and hybrid courses. My main job duty is to provide instructional design consultations to faculty members on an individual (or team) basis. Faculty members who are currently teaching hybrid or online courses and wish to discuss any aspect of their course are welcome to set an appointment, in addition to those who are interested in learning more about transforming a course to either hybrid or online delivery.

Workshops are also available for groups who would like to learn more about the tools available for use in hybrid and online teaching, or the methodology and pedagogy involved in creating online and hybrid courses. No experience is necessary to set an appointment to learn more about teaching in a hybrid or online fashion.

I have spent the summer creating a replacement for the Sloan C training course that faculty members previously took to be certified to teach online. It will be fully in place by Winter of 2010, but is currently in a pilot phase. If you are interested in learning more about this course or any of the other things that I do, feel free to give me a call or send me an email. I look forward to meeting and working with all faculty interested in moving to a distance delivery.
Welcome......New Faculty & Staff Members

Other new faces on campus (no photo shown) include: (ABS) Maya Heleveld, Instructor of Art; Jennifer McCullough, Assistant Professor of Communication; Melissa Garmo, Instructor of Criminal Justice; Laura Yetisk, Instructor of English; John Baesler, Assistant Professor of History; Julie Foss, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages; Yanmei Xu, Assistant Professor of Sociology; David Rzeszutek, Lecturer of Theatre; Sara Abouelma’aty Yousuf, Fulbright Scholar - visiting from Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt; (CEB) Anthony Bowin, Associate Professor of Accounting; Sourav Batabyal, Instructor of Economics; Yu Liu, Assistant Professor of Management; Mazen Jaber, Assistant Professor of Marketing; (COE) Linda Jarkey, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership; Colleen D’Arcy, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education - Elementary; Anita Marcott, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education - Elementary; Martha Pichia, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education - Elementary; (HHS) Dorothy Lee, Associate Professor of Nursing; Sara Hinderer, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Edward Jones, Assistant Professor of Social Work; Susan Gennrich, Instructor of Chemistry; Olivier Heubo-Kwegna, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Matthew VanNette, Executive in Residence - College of Education; Brooke Sonntag, Student Recruiter/Office Manager - Cass City.

Faculty and Staff Development Workshops

Academic Affairs (AA) - Marc Peretz, Maureen Engel x4296; Sheri Beattie, x2025; Diane Boehm, x7228; Ann Coburn-Collins, x2130; Online Teaching & Learning Staff, x2730
Faculty Association (FA) - Bob Lane, x4366; Online Teaching & Learning Staff, x2730
Sponsored Programs (SP) - Janet Rentsch, Melissa Woodward, x4295; University of Township, www.svsu.edu/workshops

September

VSPlace Library Support
Tuesday, 9/1 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054
Thursday, 9/3 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054

Introduction to Discovery Tools
Friday, 9/4 Noon-12:30 Z235 LIB x7054
First Fridays at Four
Friday, 9/4 4:00-5:00 SE201 AA x2130

Designing Your Course to Promote Academic Integrity
Wednesday, 9/9 10:00-11:00 Z303 AA x7228

Designing Your Course to Promote Academic Integrity
Thursday, 9/10 3:00-4:00 Z303 AA x7228

Information Literacy
Monday, 9/14 Noon-1:30 C157 AA x2130

Evaluation Procedures & PPC Files (no registration necessary)
Thursday, 9/17 4:00-5:00 B126 FA x4366

Introduction to Discovery Tools
Thursday, 9/17 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054

MI Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop
Tuesday, 9/22 10:00-11:00 Z335 SP x4295

MI Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop
Wednesday, 9/23 1:00-2:00 Z235 SP x4295

The Missing Link: Finding Full Text Journal Articles with LinkSource
Wednesday, 9/23 2:00-3:30 Z235 LIB x7054

Information Literacy
Wednesday, 9/23 4:00-5:30 C157 AA x2130

Information Literacy
Thursday, 9/24 6:00-7:30 C140* AA x2130

Creating Successful Hybrid Courses
Tuesday, 9/29 10:00-11:30 Z303 AA x2025

Undergraduate Research Skills
Tuesday, 9/29 2:00-3:30 Z235 LIB x7054

October

Web 2.0 Interactive Library Subject Guides
Thursday, 10/1 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054

First Fridays at Four
Friday, 10/2 4:00-5:00 SE201 AA x2130

Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty Research and Projects
Tuesday, 10/6 10:00-12:00 Z303 SP x4295

Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty Research and Projects
Wednesday, 10/7 1:00-2:00 Z235 SP x4295

Classroom Management (no registration necessary)
Thursday, 10/8 4:00-5:00 C100 FA x4366

Teaching Table: What Works On-line; What Works Face-to-Face
Wednesday, 10/14 Noon-1:00 Emeriti AA x4296

Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs
Wednesday, 10/14 6:00-7:00 C140* AA x2025

Using the Vspace Wiki and Blog Tools: Follow-up to Teaching with 21st Century Tools
Wednesday, 10/14 7:00-8:00 C140* AA x2730

The Missing Link: Finding Full Text Journal Articles with LinkSource
Thursday, 10/15 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054

Google Scholar
Monday, 10/19 4:00-4:30 Z235 LIB x7054

Best Practices in Online Teaching
Wednesday, 10/21 10:00-11:30 Z303 AA x2025

Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs
Monday, 10/26 10:00-11:00 Z303 AA x2025

Search Committee Procedures (no registration necessary)
Thursday, 10/29 4:00-5:00 C129 FA x4366

* These workshops will be offered via interactive television to the Macomb Campus, room LC-101.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Classes Begin
August 31

Labor Day Recess
No Classes
September 7-8

Last Day to Withdraw with “W” grade
October 30

Last Day to Withdraw with “WP” or “WF” grade
November 13

Thanksgiving Recess
No Classes
November 25-27

Classes Resume
November 30

Classes End
December 12

Final Exams Begin
December 14

Final Exams End
December 19

Grades Due to Registrar by Noon
December 21

Commencement
December 18

STATISTICS:

Total number of on-campus students is about 2700.
About 75% of freshman will be living on campus.
2009 Fall Focus: Leadership in Times of Crisis

SVSU brings you something more, something better with its fall focus on Leadership in Times of Crisis. The 2009 O’Neill Lecture, the Dow Visiting Scholars & Artists presentations, the annual Hoffmann/Willertz Lecture, plus a special panel discussion on the crisis in health care, will provide audiences with a fresh perspective on historical change and current challenges and the leadership required in turbulent times.

Dow Visiting Scholar
Gabor Boritt
The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knew
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall

Dow Visiting Scholar
Harvey Kushner
Leadership and Terrorism in the 21st Century
Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall

Faculty Panel Discussion
Janine Idziak, keynote speaker
The Crisis in Health Care: Ethics or Economics?
Thursday, October 8, 1:00 p.m.
Banquet Room A

Dow Visiting Scholar
Kurt Eichenwald
The Great Unwinding: How Corporate America’s Brightest Lights Upended the Global Economy
Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

Sixth Annual James E. O’Neill Jr. Memorial Lecture
H.W. Brands
Crisis Presidencies: From FDR to Barack Obama
Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

Seventh Annual Hoffmann/Willertz Lecture
Nameeta Mathur
Elephants, Mangoes, and Spies: Foreign Relations between Non-Aligned India and Communist Poland, 1947-1989
Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall

Visual Arts

SVSU Faculty Art Show
August 31 through September 19
University Gallery

Figurative Paintings by Ed Wong-Ligda
September 28 through October 24
University Gallery

SVSU Gala
Saints, Sinners and Sinatra
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Fundraiser
Friday, October 2, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

Performing Arts

Theatre Productions
All The Great Books (Abridged)
September 16, 17 & 18, 7:30 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day!
Saturday, October 10, 3:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11, 3:00 p.m.
SVSU Theatre

Rhea Miller
RHEA MILLER CONCERT SERIES
Audrey Luna and Laura Hynes Smith, sopranos
Détour de force
Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall
No admission charge

Seminars, Workshops, etc.

Author’s Reception (COE)
Dr. Ervin Sparapani, (and his contributing authors) in recognition of the publication of his book Society, the Classroom, and Instructional Practice.
Friday, September 18, 4:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

Family Business (CBM)
Family Business Policies Workshop
Thursday, September 24, 7:30-11:30 a.m.
Curtiss Hall

Executive Speaker Series (CBM)
David Gamez
Wednesday, October 21, 3:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Curtiss Hall

New Faculty Lunches (AA)
“What I Wish I Knew in My First Year at SVSU”
Friday, September 18, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

“Perspectives on Exemplary Teaching”
Friday, October 9, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

“CAPC, GEC, GC, HUH?”
Friday, November 13, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

Teaching Tables:
“What Works On-line; What Works Face-to-Face”
Wednesday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room