Announcements

Best Practices for Following Federal Guidelines Regarding “Last Day of Attendance” in Online Classes

Last Day of Attendance (LDA) is related to Title IV HEA program funds and the rules related to students withdrawing from their courses. Due to the potential for financial aid fraud in online courses, federal guidelines recommend that there should be “regular and substantive interaction between students and faculty” in online courses. It is not enough to evaluate a student’s attendance based solely on frequency of logins that we get through course statistics in VSpace. The guidelines require documentation of “academic engagement.” Here are some tips for documenting student participation in online/hybrid courses:

- Before the course starts, add “Course Statistics” tool in VSpace to get login information about students
- Create a course Check-In Assignment such as “Class Introductions” discussion forum or a self-assessment. For example, students can be asked to do a self-assessment to evaluate readiness for online learning or an assessment related to the course.
- If a student has not logged in the course in the first few days, then contact the students via e-mail/phone and remind them about the course expectations and deadlines
- Have students complete weekly online assignments (discussion posts, blogs, quizzes, other assignments) to document participation
- Keep documentation of all communication with students

2013 Student Satisfaction Survey to be Distributed

The quadrennial administration of the Student Satisfaction Survey is set for Nov 11-22, 2013. Upwards of 150 faculty will be invited to administer the survey in their classes. The survey should be able to collect the opinions of over 3,000 students—almost a third of the student body—about an array of topics such as advising, diversity, and parking. Faculty assistance is crucial to an effective survey, so we would greatly appreciate your participation by disseminating this survey if one of your sections is selected for inclusion.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Binder, Assistant Director of Institutional Research at x4299, or mjbinder@svsu.edu.
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SE&T Colloquium Series

Lectures will be held from 4:10-5:00 p.m. in Pioneer 240. Refreshments served at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5; Dr. Christopher Nakamura, Department of Physics, will present “Discipline-Based Education Research: A Scientific Perspective on Learning Science.”

Tuesday, November 12; Dr. Tai-Chi Lee and Mr. Mark White, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, will present “FPGA-Based Computing Platform-For Computationally Intensive Applications.”

Tuesday, November 19; Dr. Khandaker Rahman, Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, will present “Snoop-forge-replay Attack on Continuous Verification with Keystrokes.”

Faculty Input Needed for Circulating Textbook Pilot Program

Since the start of the fall semester, Zahnow Library has been conducting a pilot program that makes a limited number of high-cost textbooks available to students for 2-hour in-library use. This is not a substitute for students purchasing the books; it is intended to help those students who can’t afford to buy them. For the winter semester, faculty are invited to recommend titles to be part of this circulating textbook pilot program.

If you have an expensive textbook to recommend, please send the title and the course in which it is used to Jennifer Dean, Head of Collection Development & Acquisitions (jdean@svsu.edu, ext. 7092) by December 2. You are welcome to note whether more than one copy may be needed due to the number of sections using the textbook, whether the 2-hour loan period is sufficient, or to comment on any other aspect of the pilot.

Funding for the second semester of the circulating textbook pilot has been provided by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Bachand.

Grant Deadlines: November 15, 2013

SVSU Faculty Research Grant

Faculty Research is defined as research leading to publication or presentation. 
**Eligibility:** Proposals are accepted from full-time faculty members on continuing appointment. 

SVSU Professional Growth Grant

Professional Growth encourages scholarly activities such as pursuit of advanced course work or a degree in the faculty member’s own or new disciplines; retraining to develop a new specialty, such as computer programming; to learn a new research skill, such as oral history techniques; or to develop a new pedagogical skill, such as competency-based instruction. Use this application to apply for one-time $1,000 Ph.D. program support. 
**Eligibility:** Proposals are accepted from full-time faculty members on continuing appointment and administrative professionals in Academic Affairs.
*Project Dates must fall within July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.*
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Sponsored Programs: Competition Space & Grant Deadlines

Sponsored Programs is pleased to announce **Competition Space** (supported by InfoReady), a new online system for submission of most internal grants, beginning with the submission of the **SVSU Faculty Research Grant** and the **SVSU Professional Growth Grant**, each due on November 15th by 4:30 p.m.

Please follow the steps below to create an account and apply for an opportunity.

1) Access the online application by visiting http://svsu.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/.
2) Click on the grant you would like to apply for under competition
3) Click on apply on the right side
4) When login screen appears, click on register on the bottom
5) Please use your SVSU email address and password when you create your account
6) Click on create account
7) You will receive an email; click the Confirm Account button to complete the account creation process
8) Login at http://svsu.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/ to create your application.

You will receive an email once your application is submitted.

For more information about these grants and their eligibility requirements, please visit: http://svsu.edu/sponsoredprograms/, click on Internal Grants on the left side, and click on Application Guidelines under the appropriate opportunity. Faculty who apply for these grant should be notified of approval status by the end of January by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Events & Schedules

Visual Arts

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

**Richard Hunt, The Art of This Century**

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will be hosting the exhibition **Richard Hunt, The Art of This Century** through January 25, 2014.

An internationally recognized sculptor living in Chicago, Richard Hunt is best known for his public sculptures. His works fuse art, architecture and the environment. By incorporating found materials and various metals into his works, Hunt uses an abstract expressionist style to create sculptures that suggest organic forms with humanistic qualities.

Hunt has made history for more than 50 years. He was the youngest artist selected to exhibit at the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair, and he was the first African-American artist to have a major solo exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in 1971. In 2009, the International Sculpture Center awarded him the International Achievement Award. Today Hunt has more sculptures in public spaces than any other artist in the country; 50 are located in Illinois, including more than 30 in the Chicago area.

**Richard Hunt: The Art of This Century** is an exhibition of sculptures, models for commissioned pieces, and working drawings and is made possible in part by a grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation.

University Gallery

The SVSU University Gallery will present the **SVSU Student BFA Exhibit** from November 18 through December 13. This exhibit will feature graduating Bachelor of Fine Art majors. This exhibit serves as a completion of their undergraduate program. An artist’s reception will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Gallery exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. For more information please visit www.svsu.edu/artgallery or call (989-964-4159).
Performing Arts: 50th Anniversary Musical

Theatre
In collaboration, the SVSU Theatre Department and Department of Music present: *The Producers*

Performances will take place: Wednesday, November 20 through Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p.m. (daily) and on Sunday, November 24, 3:00 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts.

Tickets are $13 for General Admission and $10 for Students / Seniors (60+). For more information or to order tickets, please contact the SVSU Box Office at (989) 964-4261

Musical Performances

**Valley Steel Concert**
Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall • No admission charge

**Friday at Founders**
Friday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. • Founders Hall • No admission charge

**Artist in Residence Performance: Jeff Hall, jazz** - with Brandon Haskett, percussion
*Changing Times: The Music of Dave Brubeck*
Friday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall • Admission: $12 general & $5 students/seniors

**Cardinal Marching Band**
Monday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. • Malcolm Field Theatre • No admission charge

**Friday at Founders: SVSU Saxophone Studio**
Friday, November 22, 12:30 p.m. • Founders Hall • No admission charge

Workshops

**Register Online:** [http://www.svsu.edu/workshops/](http://www.svsu.edu/workshops/)

**Academic Affairs**
“Service Learning: High Impact Educational Practices”
Monday, November 11, Noon - 1:30 p.m.; SE-203; x2130

“Course Design: Part III”
Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Emeriti Room; x2130

**Office of International Programs**
“A Focus on ESL Writing: Challenges and Insights”
Thursday, November 7, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; B-218; x2196

**Tools for Teaching**
“Creating a Website: Weebly”
Friday, November 15, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.; C-147; x4225

Seminars at Lunch

**New Faculty Lunches**
*CAPC, GEC, GC, Huh?* will take place in the Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, November 1, from noon-1:30 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4296 for more information.

**Teaching Tables**
*Engaging Students with Technology* will take place in the Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, November 13, from noon-1:30 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4296 for more information.

**Lunch Over Learn**
*Service Learning Activities - Let’s Share*, a Lunch Over Learn program offered by Adjunct Faculty Support Programs will take place in Science East Room 201 on Friday, November 22, from noon-1:00 p.m. Contact Ann Coburn-Collins at x2130 for more information.