

Adjunct Faculty Awards

Congratulations to Walter Malec from the Department of Physis for winning the 2010-2011 Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award. The award honors a member of the adjunct faculty at SVSU who exemplifies teaching excellence. The ideal candidate possesses the following attributes:

- Maintains high standards for academic achievement
- Possesses superior knowledge of the subject matter
- Displays sincerity and enthusiasm for teaching
- Is recognized for fairness and integrity
- Is well organized and makes clear presentations
- Motivates students to excel
- Prepares students academically in a first rate manner
- Respects students' opinions
- Relates classroom learning to real life situations
- Shows interest and is helpful in counseling and advising
- Participates in professional development activities as a means to enhance their teaching skills

Congratulations to the following adjunct faculty for their years of service to the university:

5 Years

Catherine Alloway, Dana Berthiaume, Alison, Cicinelli, Gerald Cliff, Patrick Davey, Ilene Dowling, Melanie Duletzke, Deborah Egerer, Melinda Gough, Dana Gress, Monica Hartman, Joanne Jacobson, Kevin Jajo, David Jensen, Heather Kanicki, Kerri Laduke, Robert Lehman, Paul Lewandowski, Kathleen Lindeman, Annamaria Lowrie, Gary Mrak, Angelia Munson, Jeffrey Murdoch, Kristina Parker, Steven Polega, Susan Prezzato, Tina Putz, Nicole Rethman, Andrew Richards, Paul Rogers, Diane Saylor, Elise Shannon, Charles Shelley, Thomas Smith, Jean Sturtridge, Richard Syrek, Nancy Tesauero, David Valasek, David Voisine, Marcella Welker, Michael Youngs

10 Years

Uwe Baxter, Greg Borgerson, Connie Calabrese-Masi, Alicja Dennis, Frances Feyedelem, Pamela Manney, Martin McArdle, Scott Sederlund

15 Years

John Abbott, Mary Couillard, Karen Pabalís, Kimberly Prime, Nancy Samolewski

20 Years

Russell Herlache

25 Years

Patti LaLonde, Timothy McLin, Edward Soehnlén

30 Years

Tim Burke

Summer Technology Institute

Twice a year, the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs in concert with Information Technology Services offers a day-long workshop addressing the technological needs of adjunct faculty and introducing any technology upgrades for the upcoming year. In previous years this proved to be of critical importance as SVSU transitioned from GroupWise to VMail and to Microsoft Office 2007. This year we are offering this opportunity again.

On Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. a day-long training session will be offered in Science East 206, which is a computer lab located right down the hall from our main office.

Cindy Putnam from Online Teaching and Learning (OTL) will provide training for basic and advanced use in VSpace during the morning session.

After an hour break for lunch, which will be provided free of charge to participants, Brian Mudd, Manager of the Instructional Technology Center, will give a presentation on a variety of other technology offered on campus, including any upgrades occurring for the upcoming academic year. Participants will be compensated \$25 for attending. Please go to www.svsu.edu/workshops to register.

Library Hours Extended for Final Exams

Zahnow Library is temporarily extending hours to provide students with study space for the upcoming winter semester final exams. Please tell your students about the extended hours so they may take advantage of the extra study time. Late Sunday evening free coffee and refreshments will be provided. The hours are listed below and can also be found on the library homepage (<http://www.svsu.edu/library>).

Sunday, April 17: 1 pm - 1 am

Monday, April 18 & Tuesday, April 19: 8 am - 1 am

Sunday, April 24: 1 pm - until - Tuesday April 26: 1 am

Tuesday April 26: 8 am - 1 am.

Response to Needs Assessment

Our office was pleased with the response rate for this year's Needs Assessment. Several issues were addressed, some of which our office has no control over and some of which have been addressed already so we thought it might be useful to follow up on them. We urge you to continue to provide feedback and ask questions to ensure that you have full information about your experience at SVSU.

The following is a list of those expressed needs that we have little to no control over:

- Scheduling courses
- Assigning courses
- Types of courses offered
- Assigning classrooms
- Class size
- The length of the semester
- Lack of departmental support
- Classroom technology
- Athletic equipment for Kinesiology classes
- Giving pay increases
- Parking tickets
- Number of hours adjunct faculty are allowed to teach
- Admission standards
- The attitude of the students

This is not to say, however, that we are not grateful for and respectful of your input. You can be sure that these needs will be communicated to those who do have control.

There were needs, however, that many adjunct faculty gave voice to that we already provide or facilitate:

- A Handbook, edited and published yearly
- Directions for the *Year Contract/Section Assignment*
- Mentoring and classroom observation by full time faculty
- Workshops on teaching and learning
- Workshops dealing with today's students
- Classroom supplies (markers, pens, paper, etc.)
- Copying
- Compensation for professional development
- Assistance with any questions regarding your teaching experience or navigation at the University

If you would like to learn more about the services offered in the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs please visit, call, or email...or come to the Fall Adjunct Faculty Orientation on Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Professional Development

All workshops offered by the University are available on the blue workshop calendar which can be found in any of the adjunct faculty offices across campus or online at www.svsu.edu/workshops. The calendar is divided into the following sections or offered by the following departments:

Learning Management System or VSpace workshops range from Basic VSpace Instruction to Advanced Course Development. You may attend one of the regularly scheduled workshops or you may also set up a one on one tutorial with a member of the VSpace staff by calling (989) 964-2730 or mailing lms@svsu.edu.

Online Course Development workshops are offered each semester. These range from the seven week Online and Hybrid Professional Development Course to Best Practices in Online Learning. To speak directly with our Online Course Developer, Sheri Beattie, you can call (989) 964-2025 or email her at sheri@svsu.edu.

Classroom Technology Presentation workshops can be as basic as learning about office productivity (ie PowerPoint, Excel, or Word 2007) to employing smart podiums in classrooms. To reach a staff member in the Instructional Technology Center you may call (989) 964-7475 or email instructionaltechnology@svsu.edu.

Melvin J. Zahnow Librarians are wonderful resources for your classes. Their workshops are intended to help you better negotiate databases. They also offer faculty the opportunity to help you tailor effective research assignments and work directly with you and your students in establishing a list of search terms and identification of the databases and journals, which are appropriate for your students' research. These librarians can also help you with access to periodicals that will support your class work. To contact the Reference Librarians you can call (989) 964-7054 or mail them at instructionaltechnology@svsu.edu.

The purpose of the **Academic Affairs workshops** is in the area of teaching practices. Workshops regarding best practices, active learning, highlights of research and creativity are all a means of helping faculty improve their teaching practices and create greater student success. You may contact our office at 989-964-4050 or adjunctfaculty@svsu.edu to find out which workshops are being offered each semester.

www.svsu.edu/workshops