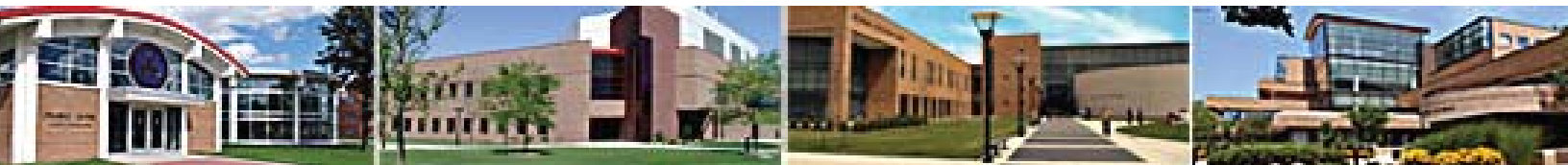


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SVSU Announces Huntley as New Dean of Science, Engineering, Technology



After conducting a national search, Saginaw Valley State University administrators determined that the best candidate to lead the College of Science, Engineering and Technology was already in the job. Deborah Huntley has been named dean of the college, effective immediately. She had been serving in that role in an interim capacity since July.

"Deb Huntley is a highly regarded scientist and a first-rate administrator," said Don Bachand, vice president for academic affairs. "Her work in the areas of academic assessment and strategic planning has been outstanding. Without question, she is the right person for this job."

A professor of chemistry, Huntley joined the SVSU faculty in 1998, and has held administrative appointments as acting assistant dean from 2001-04 before accepting a position as associate vice president for academic affairs in 2006. In addition, she evaluates other universities as a peer reviewer for institutional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission.

"I am proud to serve the University in this new capacity," Huntley said. "We have strong programs and faculty and outstanding facilities, and I look forward to building on those strengths to become a premier institution for undergraduate education and research in science, engineering and mathematics."

"Another major objective will be to develop strong partnerships with regional industries and provide the types of programs and graduates that Michigan needs for its economic recovery."

An active scholar, Huntley's research includes collaboration with Nobel-prize winning chemist Roald Hoffmann, a professor at Cornell University, on the density functional treatment of rare earth oxides. She has authored or co-authored some 35 articles published in scholarly journals, including some of the most prominent publications in the field of chemistry. Huntley received SVSU's prestigious Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research in 2006.

A resident of Saginaw Township, Huntley completed her Ph.D. and a master's degree at Cornell University. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut. Prior to joining SVSU, Huntley worked as a research chemist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Tenn.) for 14 years.

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Library Journal Evaluation Project: Faculty Input Is Needed

Which journals are essential to your teaching and research? Which new journals would you like the library to add? In your judgment, are any of the journals the library currently receives of marginal interest or use to you or your students?

The library needs to know your answers to these questions. We're asking for your input because 68% of the library's acquisitions budget is spent on journals and other subscription resources that increase in cost from 6%-8% (or more in some cases) every year. At the same time, our acquisitions budget increased 2% this year.

In order to assess how well over two-thirds of our budget is being spent, we have been compiling usage statistics, cost increase data, and other information for a journal evaluation project this fall. Here's one thing we've learned:

In looking at only those journals to which the library maintains individual subscriptions (not those journals in larger packages that can't be unbundled), 45% of those titles have been used less than five times over the past three years.

To help us evaluate the usefulness of our current journal collection and to identify titles we should consider adding, lists of journal titles in your discipline have been prepared for your review. Library liaisons are in the process of contacting their academic departments and sending the link to the web page where you can access the journal lists for your department. Instructions for rating the journal titles are provided on the web page. Please note that the lists include a section at the end for you to recommend new journal titles to be added.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that the library's journal collection is meeting the teaching and research needs of our faculty and students. For more information, contact Linda Farynk, Library Director, at ext. 4236 or lfarynk@svsu.edu.

Faculty Research Grants

This is a friendly reminder that the SVSU Faculty Research grants and the SVSU Professional Growth grants are due November 15 (if on a weekend, then the next business day) by 4:30 p.m. Your submission is timestamped electronically.

Who can apply? Applications are accepted from full time faculty members on continuing appointments.

To find the application materials from the SVSU homepage, click on Faculty and Staff; then Sponsored Programs; then Internal Grants (left side of the screen); scroll down to the SVSU Research Award or SVSU Professional Growth Award; click on Grant Application Log-in. To receive funding, you must submit your application electronically using the online process.

The SVSU Research Award and SVSU Professional Growth grant guidelines are posted as pdf and Word documents.

Your proposal will be evaluated by the unit committee made up of the department chairs and your dean. They may not be familiar with your research plans or scholarly activity, or your professional development plans or discipline, so make your case for how the application will move your research forward or how the professional growth is essential. For assistance in developing your application, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs, 964-4295.

Faculty Research is defined as research leading to publication or presentation. Approximately 25 projects are funded yearly; average release time is 3-4 hr/year; average award is \$5,000. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Additional monies have been added to support requests for monies for undergraduate research as a part of the faculty member's research proposal.

Note: These grants are considered to be SEED MONEY designed to support research and stimulate the submission of proposals to other agencies for external funding. Any faculty member who has received SVSU research support in the last three out of five years will not receive an additional award unless a research grant proposal is submitted to at least one outside agency (i.e., the National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Ford Foundation, etc.) Sponsored Programs tracks the applications and will send you a friendly reminder. Once an external application has been submitted, you may then submit a proposal. Your proposed research may be supported even if the external proposal is not funded.

Professional Growth encourages scholarly activities such as pursuit of advanced course work or a degree in the faculty member's own or new discipline(s); retraining to develop a new specialty, i.e. computer programming; learning a new research skill, i.e. oral history techniques; or developing a new pedagogical skill, i.e. competency-based instruction. An estimated 5-10 applications are funded yearly for up to \$2,000.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Deadline for Research, Professional Development, and Release Time due to Sponsored Programs: Monday, November 16.

Deadline to apply to teach online/hybrid courses Spring/Summer 2010: Tuesday, December 1.

Curriculum Ratification Meeting: Thursday, December 3.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Last Day to Withdraw with "WP" or "WF" grade November 13

Thanksgiving Recess No Classes November 25
University Closed November 26-29

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

Faculty and Staff Development Workshops

Academic Affairs (AA) - Marc H. Peretz, Maureen Engel x4296; Sheri Beattie, x2025; Diane Boehm, x7228; Ann Coburn-Collins, x2130; Online Teaching & Learning Staff, x2730

www.svsu.edu/workshops

November

First Fridays at Four	Friday,	11/6	4:00-5:00	SE201	AA	x2130
Teaching Table: Learning for the Public Good; The Lansing Project	Tuesday,	11/10	Noon-1:00	Emeriti	AA	x4296
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Tuesday,	11/10	4:00-5:30	C157	AA	x2130
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Friday,	11/13	Noon-1:30	C157	AA	x2130
Creating Successful Hybrid Courses	Tuesday,	11/17	2:00-3:30	Z303	AA	x2025
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Wednesday,	11/18	6:00-7:30	C140*	AA	x2130
Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs	Monday,	11/23	2:30-3:30	Z303	AA	x2025
Using the Vspace Wiki and Blog Tools: Follow-up to Teaching with 21st Century Tools	Monday,	11/30	2:30-3:30	Z303	AA	x2730

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

Performing Arts

Concerts

Artist In Residence Performance

Jeff Hall, jazz
The Music of Monk
Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - \$12 general - \$5 students/seniors

Three Men and a Tenor

Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts
Buy tickets online at www.svsu.edu/alumni and click on Alumni Celebration or call Alumni Relations at 989-964-4196 TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR/CONCERT

Rhea Miller Concert Series

MingHuan Xu, violin and Winston Choi, piano
Duo Diorama
Saturday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - No admission charge

SVSU Muse And Brunch

Artist In Residence Julie Meyer, soprano
The Gypsy in My Soul
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Arbury Commons - Seating is limited
Tickets are free but required.
Reserve Tickets by calling (989) 964-4261

Marching Band Concert

Monday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre - No admission charge

Cardinal Singers Concert

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall-No admission charge

Choir Holiday Concert

Noels-A Joyous Holiday Concert
Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall
Admission: General \$8, Students \$4

Forever Strings Concert

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.
Founders Hall-No admission charge

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Thursday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall-No admission charge

Theatre Productions

The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail

Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts
Ticket information (989) 964-4261

Visual Arts

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November 2 - November 24
Artist Reception: Thursday, November 12, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
University Gallery

Student Bachelor Of Fine Arts Exhibition

November 30 through December 12
Artists Reception: Thursday, December 3, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
University Gallery

Readings

SVSU's Voices in the Valley Series

Jack Ridl reads from his work Losing Season, a year of hope and defeat on and off the basketball court in a small town.
Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
Founders Hall

New Book Launch

Judy Kerman reads from her new book Praises & Offenses, translations of three women poets from the Dominican Republic
Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Roberta Allen Reading Room
Zahnow Library - 4th floor

Seminars, Workshops, etc.

New Faculty Lunches

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

SE & T Fall Colloquium Series Fall 2009

All talks are from 4:30 - 5:20 p.m. in P240.
Refreshments will be served at 4:15 p.m.

The Isoprenoid Products of the Methylerythritol Pathway:
Blessings and a Curse?
Dr. Tami Sivy
Department of Chemistry
Tuesday, November 3

Cloud Computing:
Data, Software and Hardware Implications
of the Digital Tsunami
Dr. Farid Hallouche
Department of Computer Science and Information Systems
Tuesday, November 10

Radio-frequency Measurements of Magnetic Properties
Using a Tunnel Diode Resonator
Dr. Matthew Vannette
Department of Physics
Tuesday, November 17

The Zariski Cancellation Problem:
History and Progress
Dr. Anthony Crachiola
Department of Mathematical Sciences
Tuesday, December 1