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Administrative restructuring aimed at better support of goals, strategies

President Sidney Ribeau has announced a modification of the administrative structure that is designed to more effectively and efficiently support current University goals and strategies.

The revised structure brings additional focus to important University priorities such as enrollment and retention, academic excellence and marketing.

Linda Dobb, as interim provost, will retain supervisory responsibility for deans and vice provosts and the assistant provost of human resources. An addition will be oversight of the new Innovations Center for Urban and Regional Education (ICURE). Provost responsibility for this program is key due to the essential collaboration of all deans and colleges.

Other modifications within the provost's area include the appointment of Sallye McKee as vice provost for enrollment and support services. "Enrollment and retention are critical to the University," Ribeau said. "Sallye has demonstrated both skill and success in these areas as special

assistant to the provost."

Those reporting to McKee in her new position include: academic enhancement, undergraduate admissions, the registrar, student financial aid, Springboard, academic advising and diversity initiatives. McKee's former position, special assistant to the provost, will be eliminated.

Mark Gromko will remain vice provost for academic affairs, but his responsibilities will also include: Chapman Residential Learning Community, the Health Sciences Residential Program, general education, the Honors Program and cooperative education. He will retain oversight of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, assessment of student learning and academic program review.

"This realignment focuses some of our more innovative academic programs under the direction of one individual so that they will receive the focus and attention they deserve," Ribeau added.

Facilities, environmental

health and safety, and public safety have been added to J. Christopher Dalton's direction. Dalton's new title, senior vice president for finance and administration, reflects these additional operational responsibilities.

Many of the departments reporting to McKee and Gromko previously reported to the vice provost for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies. Steven Richardson, who held this position, is leaving the University to accept a post at Winona State University in Winona, Minn.

One initiative that formerly reported to Richardson, the President's Leadership Academy, will report directly to President Ribeau. "This is a program that I am directly involved with, and I would like to be closer to the action," he said.

WBGU-TV and the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation have been added to the direction of J. Douglas Smith, interim vice president for University advancement. This move has been made to maximize potential University marketing opportunities associated with the television station.

Steven Ballard, vice provost for research and dean of the Graduate College, will now have additional responsibility for the Institute for the Study of Culture and Human Values.

Several factors have been key to these changes in the administrative structure, Ribeau said.

"Three years ago, when I gave the provost responsibility for all of these areas, I promised a three-year reassessment to see how things were working," the president said. "During this time, the University has made great progress toward achieving the goals set forth.

"In addition, I have had conversation and feedback from 2,200 employees in cluster group meetings and monthly meetings with faculty and students. Coinciding with the three-year plan, change was initiated by the departure of Charles Middleton (former provost and vice president for academic affairs) and Steven Richardson, which provided a segue for a more focused approach.

"I believe that this structure is more streamlined, and at this time will better serve our efforts to advance the University and assure student success," Ribeau said.

ASC calls for collaboration, consultation on technology

Administrative Staff Council (ASC) has joined the call for a larger campus-community role in making technology decisions.

Involving the community in defining technology directions was part of an April 30 University Computing Council resolution which also called for interim reactivation of the old email system.

At its May meeting, ASC discussed the email problems that brought that resolution about, and on June 3, adopted its own version. It asks Information Technology Services to use "a collaborative and consultative process with affected constituent groups" in planning future University technology initiatives.

ASC Chair Deborah Boyce, responding to a question about the resolution's weight, referred to it as a statement about the need to inform and involve people. ASC can't mandate, but

it can make its opinion known, she said.

Also at the June 3 meeting:

•Boyce told council that distribution of merit pay will be explained in a communique from J. Christopher Dalton, senior vice president for finance and administration, after the Board of Trustees establishes the pool. That's expected to happen at the trustees' June 28 meeting, where they're also scheduled to hear a separate compensation plan for faculty and staff that's been in the works for several months.

•Mary Beth Zachary, Libraries and Learning Resources, reported that a survey will soon be distributed regarding performance evaluation review—the process, the tool (document) and the system (how the two interact). The goal is to determine what works and what doesn't in all three areas, as a precursor to revisions, she said.

job postings

FACULTY

Libraries and Learning Resources. Assistant professor, tenure track, head librarian of the science library. Call Beverly Stearns, 2-2856. Deadline: Aug. 13.

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (June 18).

Secretary 2 (C-84-V)—Academic Enhancement, Writing Lab. Pay grade 7.

Secretary 2 (C-85-V)—Academic Enhancement, Math Lab. Pay grade 7.

Secretary 2 (C-92-V)—Academic Enhancement, Study Skills Lab. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Technical Director (S-036)—Center for Microscopy and Microanalysis, Biological Sciences. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: June 18.

Admissions Counselor (V-045)—Admissions. Administrative grade level 11. Deadline: June 18.

Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions (V-042)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade level 16. Deadline: June 28.

Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator (M-044)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade level 19. Deadline: June 28.

Director of Student Financial Aid (S-043)—Student Financial Aid. Administrative grade level 19. Deadline: July 12.

in brief

Bowers named journal editor

Ann Bowers, University archivist, has been named managing editor of the "Northwest Ohio Quarterly," a local history journal published by the Lucas County/Maumee Valley Historical Society.

The journal was begun in 1927 as a bulletin of the former Northwest Ohio Historical Society. During World War II, it became the "Northwest Ohio Quarterly" and began regular publication of research articles, documents and related material.

"We will maintain the focus on the Maumee Valley area, largely northwest Ohio but Indiana as well," Bowers said. "We will publish interesting articles that deal with all aspects of history: architecture, public policy, archival, social history, economic history—the whole gamut," she added, saying the history of arts in the region is also of interest.

Collins receives Champion Award

Leona Belle Collins, a May graduate of the higher education administration doctoral program, has received the 1999 Peace Champion Project Search Student Award.

The award is given annually by the Project Search program. Recipients are nominated on the basis of their endeavors to promote diversity among, and facilitate excellence in, academic and non-academic activities at BGSU.

Collins was also first runner-up for the Doctoral Student Dissertation Award presented by the American Association of Higher Education Black Caucus. Her dissertation focused on Anna J. Cooper, an African-American educator, activist and feminist writer of the 19th century.

Continuing education wins award

The University has received a Silver Award of Excellence in the 1999 Marketing & Publications Community of Practice Awards program, sponsored by the University Continuing Education Association.

The citation recognizes a series of two-color booklets promoting the National Institute for the Study of Digital Media and created by the continuing education, international & summer programs office.

The publication was recognized in the category for one- or two-color booklets from universities with enrollments less than 50,000.

The winning entry was created by continuing education staff members Anita Knauss, Joanne McPherson, Jennifer Bowman and Karen Schwab.

Doctoral student to give presentation

Xiaosong Wu, a doctoral student in photochemical sciences, has been chosen to give a presentation during the Gordon Research Conference on Coatings and Films July 11-16 in New London, N.H.

Wu will present a poster at the conference about a new polymer that demonstrates the usefulness of recently discovered photochemical processes.

He is currently working on a ceramic precursor, making ceramic out of organic polymers, in order to understand the process and with hopes of making a higher quality ceramic. He is particularly trying to make silicon carbide, one of the most important ceramics, which has been used in such fields as aerospace technology.

Classified staff golf scramble set

The Classified Staff Scholarship Scramble is set for June 25 at Forrest Creason Golf Course.

Tee times are between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 per person, including a picnic lunch after golf.

Hole sponsorships are available. The fee to sponsor a hole is \$25. Tee boxes will be designated with the sponsor's name or group. Volunteers are also needed for the outing.

To golf, volunteer or sponsor a hole, call Jay Samelak, Classified Staff Council chair, at 2-2242 or email samelak@bgnnet.bgsu.edu.

Oprah reading group organizers sought

The Women's Center is seeking women who may be interested in helping organize an Oprah Winfrey Book Club reading group. The group would discuss books at the center, 108 Hanna Hall.

Anyone interested in participating may call the center at 2-7227.

campus calendar

Tuesday, June 15

Retirement reception for Clifton Boutelle, director of public relations, 4-6 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.

Wednesday, June 16

Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m., Taft Room, Student Union.

Sexual harassment prevention workshop, 10-11:30 a.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. For more information, call affirmative action, 2-8472.

Brown Bag Luncheon, noon, Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall, "A Tribute to Father's Day."

Dissertation defense, 1:30 p.m., 444 Education Building, by Bonnie Hurless on "A Study of Elementary Principals' Beliefs About Early Childhood Education."

Divorced/Divorcing Women's Support Group, 4 p.m., Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall. Counselor Rebecca Hurst will facilitate this preliminary interest session; regular meeting times will be established later. Free. For more information, call the center, 2-7227.

Dissertation defense, 4 p.m., McFall Center Chart Room, by Bruce Clemetsen on "Untangling the Web of Communication Channels in an Auxiliary Service Office at a Regional University."

Public skating, 8:15-10 p.m., Ice Arena.

Thursday, June 17

Dissertation defense, 10 a.m., History department conference room, Williams Hall, by James Beeby on "Revolt of the Tar Heelers: A Socio-Political History of the North Carolina Populist Party, 1892-1901."

Friday, June 18

Dissertation defense, 9 a.m., 444 Education Building, by Georgia Hubbard on "An Investigation of the Dynamics and Outcomes of Applying a Hermeneutic Dialectic Process to Develop a Parent Involvement Model in a Large City School District."

Public skating, noon-1:30 p.m., Ice Arena. "Cheap skate" admission is \$2.

Super Sax Camp finale concert, 1 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Dissertation defense, 1 p.m., 310 West Hall, by Andrew Rudd on "Constructing Identity Through Communication Performances and Practices in Muskegon Garage Sales."

Dissertation defense, 1 p.m., 101 Shatzel Hall, by Dawn Heinecken on "The Warrior Women of Television: A Feminist Cultural Analysis of the New Female Body."

Horseback riding at Douglas Meadows, 2:45 p.m., leave from Student Union. An hour of horseback riding in Temperance, Mich. \$10 for students, \$16 for others. Sign up by Tuesday (June 15). Sponsored by recreational sports.

Saturday, June 19

String Orchestra Camp finale concert, 1:30 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Huron Playhouse tickets available

Ticket reservations may now be made for the Huron Playhouse summer theater season, which will open June 29-July 3 with the Broadway hit, "Noises Off."

July productions will also include "The Hollow," by Agatha Christie, July 6-10; Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song," July 13-17; "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," a recent Tony Award winner by Alfred Uhry, July 20-24; and "State Fair," also by Rodgers and Hammerstein, July 27-31.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. at the playhouse, which is located at the McCormick School on Ohio Street in Huron.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Call 419-433-4744 for reservations.

in memory

Sherman M. Stange, 71, died May 9 at his home in Marengo, Ill. Stange was chair of the University's philosophy department from 1959-66.

Memorials may be made to the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Comprehensive Cancer Center, in care of Ann Johnson, 600 Highland Ave., Madison, Wis. 53792.