New tenure-track faculty are introduced to campus

Bowling Green welcomed more than 60 new, tenure-track faculty to campus Aug. 22 with an introductory breakfast meeting. “Diverse” perhaps best describes the group, as they have lived and worked on every continent except Antarctica and have a very broad range of expertise and interests.

Provost John Folkins had some words of advice for the group, focusing on four key areas:

First, he told them, the University is a “bubbling cauldron of ideas, a horde of good ideas and a wonderful group of colleagues with whom to share them.” He urged the new faculty to nurture their intellects by sharing their creative thoughts with others.

Second, he said, the University is a “garden of learning.” He encouraged faculty to address teaching and learning in the same way they think of research, that is, to consider the challenges and problems it presents.

“What don’t we know?” he asked, and encouraged questions they believe are important.

Third, he said, it is important that faculty tell stories about their accomplishments and those of their students to build tradition and pride. Storytelling is an important component of University life, he said.

And last, he said, is the importance of the individual in building his or her career.

A bit of selfishness is needed. Don’t let anything get in the way,” Folkins advised. Just as an athlete preparing for competition envisions him- or herself successfully going through the movements of the sport, so should scholars envision the path of their careers and then use that as a guide.

At the breakfast meeting, Vice President for Student Affairs Ed Whipple stressed the importance of faculty making a connection with students outside the classroom.

“Students spend about 80 percent of their waking hours outside the classroom, so we need faculty to make that connection wherever they can.” He encouraged faculty to become familiar with the services offered by the Office of Student Affairs and to make use of them whenever possible.

In introducing the new faculty and detailing their research interests and backgrounds, it became clear that there are many areas of overlapping expertise and many possibilities for interaction between departments and colleges. Mark Gronka, vice provost for academic programs, encouraged the group to develop connections and alliances for interdisciplinary collaboration.

Tech repairs get easier

The Informational Technology Systems Hardware Support Department has moved from the basement of Hayes Hall up to the first floor, right next to the help desk in Room 101.

The move is designed to enable hardware support personnel to consult more easily with help-desk staff to solve clients’ problems, said Tom Folk, hardware support supervisor.

The department can work on any equipment and welcomes walk-ins. However, folk said, “Please don’t bring your computer to our office. We have no power outlet, so it’s a waste of time.”

He said the department can work on computers only if they are working. If they are not, the staff will tell you how to fix your computer.

Memory Upgrade: A $25 fee covers the installation and testing of new memory installed in both Intel-compatible and Mac desktops. Some laptop systems may be charged a hourly rate of $5.

Hard Drive Installation: A $45 fee covers the installation and formatting of a hard drive in
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Performance Appraisal Committee, is under way. There are two key elements: providing a framework for a more thorough appraisal that will promote better communication between supervisors and staff, and creating an atmosphere for clarification of job responsibilities and employee/supervisor expectations. Tracy said a wide range of employees at BGSU Firelands and on main campus is participating in the pilot training to ensure it works well in all situations.

Because the evaluation form will be online, the sessions have been conducted in computer labs in small groups. However, with more than 1,000 employees and supervisors to be trained, the group is also exploring other formats that might accommodate larger numbers of trainees.

Participants in the pilot training will provide feedback on the instruction they have received.

Another goal this year is to review the councils by-laws, which have not been updated in several years.

New officers (Continued)

Conference as well as other state universities and colleges in Ohio. The purpose was to explore if benefits such as vacation time, sick leave and floating holidays could be expanded. What it found was that in state universities, classified employee benefits are mandated by the Ohio Revised Code and many cannot be changed by individual universities.

The full results of the survey will be available in the meeting minutes, which are sent to all classified staff via email.

Rebecca Ferguson, director of human resources, will attend the group's next meeting.

Counseling Center earns highest rating

The BGSU Counseling Center has received full accreditation by the University and College Counseling Centers Board of Accreditation. The announcement was recently made by the International Association of Counseling Services.

The center underwent a lengthy and thorough review process beginning last spring that involved both written reports and an on-site visit from a team of evaluators.

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Council would also like to increase its scholarship monies an ongoing goal. Members will continue to explore ideas for additional fundraising opportunities.

Providing professional development opportunities for classified staff members has been an objective of council for some time, Zawodny said. Past chair Scott Blackwood, dining services, is chairing a committee to develop funding possibilities for the initiative and needs committee members. Zawodny and Tracy encourage classified staff members to participate in this effort.

The last goal, an examination of employee benefits, was largely accomplished this summer by a committee that compared BGSUS benefits to those of other institutions. (See related story this page.)

Both women said they strongly urge all classified staff members to get involved with CSC and elsewhere on campus and be active members of the campus community.

and Tracy asked council members and constituents to study the results and present any questions or comments at that time.

Council also discussed the ice cream social to be held Oct. 5 during Spirit Week. This event is jointly sponsored by the Classified Staff Council, Faculty Senate, Administrative Staff Council, Undergraduate Student Senate and Graduate Student Senate and will be held in front of the Education Building. Contributions and volunteers are still needed to make the day a success, Zawodny said.

in memory

Emma Mahoney, 78, died Aug. 19 in Toledo.
She was a secretary for the BGSU Faculty Senate, retiring in 1986.

FACULTY


Contact Human Resources at 372-0431 for information regarding the following:

Falcon party slated

Join Falcon fans for a tailgate prior to the BG-Michigan football game on Sept. 2. The tailgate at the University of Michigan Golf Course starts at 9:30 a.m. with kickoff at Michigan Stadium at 12:10 p.m.
Cost is $20 per person and the RSVP deadline is tomorrow (Aug. 29). Contact the Alumni Office at 2-2701 to reserve a space.

job postings

CLASSIFIED

(For convenience and to minimize waiting, employees wishing to apply for this position may call ahead to request the "Request for Transfer" form.)

Administrative Assistant 1 (C-120-A3)—University Honors Program. Pay grade 8.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (S-097)—Intercollegiate Athletics (search extended). Deadline: Sept. 13.

Hardware

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all platforms. Data transfer can be provided by ITS for an additional $30.

General Repair: $75 per hour with a minimum charge of $50. Labor is billed in half-hour increments. Parts are billed out at cost.

 campus calendar

Monday, Aug. 28
Classes begin.

Thursday, Aug. 31
Dissertation defense, "A Long-Term Follow-Up of Serious Female Offenders," by Allen Lowery, sociology; 1 p.m., Tomich Library, Williams Hall.

Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day, no classes, offices closed campus-wide.

Continuing events

Through Aug.
Art exhibit, "Summer Work," a juried exhibition of work by BGSU students in summer workshops, classes, studios and seminars, Dorothy Uber Bryant Gallery. Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Aug. 29-Sept. 24
Art exhibit, "Possible Futures: Science Fiction Art from the Frank Collection," rarely seen paintings used to illustrate the covers of science fiction books and magazines, spanning a period from the 1940s and '50s to contemporary painters such as James Walthall and John Berkey, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

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