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Administrative Staff Council

Guidelines for on-campus professional development activities were approved by Administrative Staff Council at the June 14 meeting.

The guidelines, proposed by the ASC's Professional Development Committee, will be forwarded to the Office of Administrative Staff Personnel Services for implementation.

The statement adopted by ASC provides that "all programs to be sponsored by the University should fall within the following guidelines:

"...Programs that enhance effectiveness in specific University assignments and responsibilities.

"...Programs that serve the general interests of the University."

The statement identifies the Office of Administrative Staff Personnel Services as responsible for implementing University-wide professional and educational development programs and further acknowledges that the Professional Development Committee of ASC should work closely with the personnel office to identify topics and schedules for sponsored programs.

Staff members may submit suggestions for professional and educational development programs to either the personnel office or the ASC. Participation in programs scheduled during regular work hours will be at the discretion of individual staff members and their supervisors.

Wayne Colvin, residential services, reported that 143 administrative staff had returned the survey on evaluation distributed by ASC. Although analysis of the survey has not been completed, Colvin said responses indicate that administrative staff are concerned about evaluation, that very little evaluation currently takes place and that methods of evaluation currently used vary widely across the campus.

Final results of the survey will be presented to ASC in September.

During a discussion of possible agenda items for the 1984-85 academic year, the following topics were suggested:

- development of an administrative staff professional leave policy;
- evaluation and merit;
- direct representation on the Board of Trustees;
- guest speakers;
- methods to increase communication among staff;
- the impact of the new Role and Mission Statement on administrative staff;
- changes in health care benefits;
- expanding ASC representation on University committees.

Additional suggestions should be sent to Joe Martini, bursar, chair; Gregg DeCrane, student affairs, chair-elect, or Jill Carr, housing, secretary.

Announcement was made of the annual meeting of the full administrative staff to be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, in the Alumni Room of the University Union. The Ferrari Award will be presented at that time.

Michigan State librarian named acting library dean

William Miller, who recently was appointed assistant dean of libraries at the University, has been named acting dean of libraries and learning resources, effective July 30.

Dr. Miller, currently the head of the reference and government documents departments at the Michigan State University libraries, succeeds Dwight L. Burlingame, who has been named acting vice president for University relations.

A graduate of Temple University, Dr. Miller earned both master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of Rochester, where he specialized in Restoration and 18th-century English literature. In 1976 he received a master's degree in library science from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Miller joined the Michigan State library faculty in 1980. At Michigan State he has served on numerous library-wide committees in addition to his administrative responsibilities in the reference and government documents departments. He has concentrated his activities in the public service area of library work, recently chairing a library User Needs Task Force and serving as a member of a team which examined the libraries' public service activities.

Prior to joining the Michigan State

faculty, he was a reference librarian and an assistant professor of English at Albion College, where he developed an instructional program in the library in cooperation with academic departments. He also designed the college's technical writing specialization.

While a graduate student, he held various positions in the libraries at the universities of Toronto and Rochester.

An active member of numerous state and national library associations, Dr. Miller has written extensively for professional publications, and he has served in various editorial capacities for journals and newsletters. He also has been a consultant on collection development and library instruction, and he is a frequent speaker at national and regional conferences, including meetings of the Modern Language Association and the Michigan Library Association.

Commenting on his Bowling Green appointment, Dr. Miller said, "We have any number of major challenges facing us in the library field during the next decade. I was attracted to Bowling Green initially because I believe the University has the people to deal intelligently and successfully with those challenges and to set examples for the rest of the (library) profession."

Business law text helps combat 'dumbing of America' trend

A professor of legal studies has co-authored a comprehensive business law text published recently by Random House.

But with publication of the book, Bartley Brennan's work is not done.

Modern Business Law, the text which Dr. Brennan co-authored with five colleagues from other universities, is unique, he says, because the authors have been contracted by the publisher to provide a series of "updates" to everyone who uses the text. And, the first updates were in process only weeks after the text was on the market.

In a field that changes as rapidly as business law, the updates are really a must, Dr. Brennan said, noting that the 1,200 page text would become quickly outdated without the supplements, to be issued by Random House every six months.

"Law is really a very evolutionary process," he said. "It never stops changing."

Dr. Brennan, who wrote eight chapters on corporate law in the book, collaborated with some of the nation's most distinguished business law professors in producing the text. Co-authors are Thomas W. Dunfee of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania; Frank F. Gibson and John D. Blackburn of Ohio State University; Douglas Whitman of the University of Kansas and F. William McCarty of Western Michigan University.

Although the authors were previously acquainted, their joint efforts are entirely the result of the publisher, Dr. Brennan said. "We were approached in November 1981 about writing a high level, research- and policy-oriented business law text," he said. And the request for such a text was somewhat astounding, he added.

Modern Business Law is actually an attempt by Random House to combat a trend which has been labeled as "the dumbing of America," Dr. Brennan said. Noting that the trend in recent years has been to "dumb down" books for college students who, in the estimation of many publishers, are no longer able to comprehend complex arguments and big words, Dr. Brennan said Random House is trying to set new, high standards in college textbooks. *Modern Business Law* was a move in that direction.

"As scholars and authors we were all pleased to be a part of that movement," Dr. Brennan said, adding that Random House has apparently met with success in its attempt to reverse the trend. The text has been adopted at such prestigious institutions as Purdue University, the universities of Pennsylvania and Wyoming, the University of California at Berkeley and Ohio State University.

Written for business students rather than lawyers, the text is designed to provide background knowledge on business law and to show how developments in current and pending law will impact upon the business sector.

The text includes 40 chapters on the legal environment of business; contracts; commercial transactions; business organization; property and government regulation.

Dr. Brennan, who was on leave from the University during the spring semester while working as a research fellow at the Ethics Resource Center in Washington, D.C., has begun his second book, to be co-authored with Nancy Kubasek, legal studies.

Monitor

Monitor is published weekly for faculty and staff of Bowling Green State University. The deadline to submit material for the next issue, Monday, July 23, is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

Editor: Linda Swaisgood

Faculty & Staff

Presentations

Mary Biggs, library, presented a paper entitled "How, Where and Why the Poet Publishes" May 11 as part of the annual lecture series of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.

Douglas Blandy, art, presented "Printing Poetry in Blissymbols: A Research Report on an Arts-of-the-Book Apprenticeship for Four So-Called Moderately Mentally Retarded Persons" at a spring meeting of the National Art Education Association in Miami, Fla.

Patricia J. Buckwell, music education, presented "Music and Movement: Appealing to the Neurological System" at the 52nd annual convention of the Council for Exceptional Children in Washington, D.C.

Vernice P. Cain, Writing Center, presented a paper, "Project Outreach: A Prelude to Writing Across the Curriculum," at the sixth annual conference of the East Central division of the Writing Centers Association in Cincinnati.

David W. Chilson, **Richard A. Liberty** and **F. Perry Hergert**, computer science, presented a paper entitled "DBMS-20 Hashing Patterns" at the 1984 spring DECUS Symposium in Cincinnati.

Edmund J. Danziger Jr., history, presented "Canada's Urban Indians: The Detroit-Walpole Island Connection" at a spring conference on "Canada's Native Peoples" at the State University of New York — College at New Paltz.

Darrel Fyffe and **Evan McFee**, educational curriculum and instruction, presented "Use of the Apple Computer in the Science Classroom" at the spring meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science in Cleveland.

Employment Opportunities

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Indicates that an internal candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m. Monday, July 23, 1984

7-23-1 **Plumber 1**
Pay Range 7
Plant Operations and Maintenance

CONTINUING VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date: 5 p.m. Monday, July 16, 1984

7-16-1 **Account Clerk 1**
Pay Range 4
School of Art

7-16-2 **Clerk 1**
Pay Range 2
Northwest Ohio ETV Foundation
Permanent part-time, grant-funded position

7-16-3 ***Library Media Technical Assistant 2**
Pay Range 26
Library/Cataloging Dept.

7-16-4 **Typist 2**
Pay Range 4
Residential Services
Permanent part-time

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Computer Science: Visiting lecturer. Contact chair, Search Committee (2-2337). Deadline: March 1, 1985

College of Education: Associate dean. Contact Trevor Phillips, chair, Search Committee (2-0151). Deadline: July 16, 1984

Journalism: Assistant professor. Contact John Huffman (2-0349). Deadline: Dec. 15, 1984

Music Performance Studies: Teacher/performer. Contact David Melle (2-2175). Deadline: July 20, 1984

Sociology: Visiting instructor/assistant professor. Contact chair, Search Committee (2-2294). Deadline: July 20, 1984. Also, visiting assistant professor. Contact Jerry Wicks (2-2595). Deadline: July 30, 1984

University Writing Center: Instructional assistant, part-time (four positions). Contact Vernice P. Cain (2-2221). Deadline: Aug. 29, 1984

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Athletics: Assistant football coach. Contact Denny Stolz (2-2401). Deadline: July 16, 1984

College of Education: Program adviser, Program Advisement Office. Part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week, 44 weeks per year. Contact Larry Wills (2-0151, Ext. 254). Deadline: July 16, 1984

Environmental Services: University safety officer. Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558). Deadline: July 20, 1984

Student Health Center: Medical office assistant (two positions). Contact Susan Caldwell (2-2558). Deadline: July 20, 1984

Beatrice Gorton and **Susan J. Gavron**, health, physical education and recreation, will present "A Biomechanical Analysis of Selected Kinematic Variables of the Running Patterns of Mentally Retarded Boys and Girls in the 50-Meter Dash" at the 1984 Olympic Scientific Congress July 19-26 in Eugene, Ore.

Robert A. Holmes, legal studies, conducted a seminar on "Computer Contract Law" as part of the international convention of the National Association of Purchasing Management in Chicago. He also conducted a seminar on "Wage Discrimination and Comparable Worth Issues" for the Toledo Employers Association and presented an after-dinner speech on "Comparable Worth and Wage Discrimination" at a meeting of the Toledo chapter of the International Association for Personnel Women.

Sally J. Kilmer, home economics, spoke on "Implications of Early Childhood Education Research for Program Personnel" at the annual conference of the Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children in Cincinnati.

Temple, Moomaw win Arete Award

Ina Temple and Robert Moomaw, faculty in the College of Education, have been selected to share the 1984 Arete Award for outstanding performance as teachers and advisers of graduate students.

The \$800 cash prize is presented biennially in memory of Harold Marquardt, a professor in the department of college student personnel from 1970 until his death in 1978.

Dr. Moomaw, a professor of educational foundations and inquiry, teaches graduate classes in guidance and counseling. Dr. Temple is an associate professor of health, physical education and recreation and director of the physical education professional division of the School of HPER.

Gerald Saddlemire, college student personnel, chaired the award selection committee, noting that the qualifications of Dr. Moomaw and Dr. Temple "made it impossible to decide if one was more deserving than the other."

Computer students to provide software

If you have computer software needs but don't have the time, money or skills to develop your own programs, the computer science department may be able to help.

A senior/graduate level course in software development will be taught during the fall semester by the department. As part of the course, teams of students will be asked to design and develop software packages for outside users. The instructors are now soliciting actual software projects from the University community as possible assignments for the course.

For further information contact Doug Bickerstaff (372-0783) or Barbee Mynatt (372-2339).

Sylvia Huntley, educational curriculum and instruction, presented a paper entitled "Why Not Practice What We Preach: Using Nonverbal Communication Cues in Elementary and Secondary Classrooms" at the annual meeting of the Central States Speech Association in Chicago.

Edward Marks, music performance studies, performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the annual May Festival in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Benjamin N. Muogo, political science/Firelands, served as a coordinator for "Home Government" at the 1984 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. Representatives from 146 colleges and universities from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Japan attended the conference.

In Brief

RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET

A reception for Otis Block, who is retiring July 31 after 10 years at the University, has been planned for Monday, July 30, the date of his 65th birthday.

All University acquaintances are invited to attend the reception, to be held from 3-5 p.m. in the Ice Arena Lounge.

Block joined the University staff in 1974 as coordinator of transportation services. Since 1976 he has been a purchasing agent in the purchasing department.

CSAC TO MEET

The Classified Staff Advisory Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday (July 18) in the Taft Room of the University Union.

LIBRARY MOVE SET

The Government Documents and Popular Culture library collections will be moved this summer, resulting in the temporary closing of those sections.

Government Documents will be moved from the fourth floor to the first floor and the Popular Culture Library will be moved from the first floor to the fourth floor.

The collections will be closed to library patrons from July 30 through Aug. 12, reopening on Aug. 13.

Anyone needing to access information from the collections during that time should complete an Information Request Form at the reference desk on the first floor.

NO STEAM, NO STEAM!

The Central Heating Plant will be shut down for necessary repairs from 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, until 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

During this period there will be no steam available for any purpose. This will affect building heating, air conditioning, pool temperature, laboratory cleaning, dish washing and any other activities that require hot water.

The steam supply will be limited from Sunday, Aug. 12, until the shutdown on Aug. 17. Some steam will be available throughout most of the campus, but there will be no air conditioning in the technology building, Offenbauer Towers or the business administration building.

The heating plant shutdown will not affect any buildings east of Mercer Road, south of Wooster Street or north of the technology building. All other buildings on campus should prepare accordingly.

Undergraduate Council

Following is the agenda for the Wednesday (July 18) meeting of Undergraduate Council to be held at 1:30 p.m. in 116 Business Administration Bldg.:

- Call to order
- Review of the minutes
- Announcements
- Discussion of curricular modifications by the School of Art (Maurice Sevigny)
- Other business
- Adjournment