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Wellness fair set for employees, students

The university will host a wellness fair for faculty, staff associates, and students from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 10 in the CUB MPR.

Free mini-sessions will be offered for chair massage, acupuncture, Reiki and essential oil therapy. Registration is required for these sessions.

More than 40 exhibitors will take part. Exhibitors will offer informational material related to nutrition, heart health, diabetes management, skin care, bone health, therapy dogs, chiropractic, Lyme Disease, yoga, and wellness resources in the area.

Laboratory blood draw screenings are available for general wellness, as well as diabetes, Vitamin B12 or Vitamin D deficiency, thyroid function or prostate cancer. Prevention Health screenings will be offered to test for heart disease, risk of stroke, thyroid abnormality and peripheral arterial disease.

Participants can enter a hula-hoop contest, get a fitness assessment, win a door prize or learn about many aspects of health.

Exhibitors include Capital Blue Cross, Liberty Mutual, Sovereign Bank, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry counties, Etter Health, McClean Hall Healthy Living, PMI—pregnancy resource center, Reach Out—Dominican Republic program, Summit Health, WalMart vision, Young Living Essential Oils, Exercise Science Club, Shippensburg Health Services, Lyme Disease Education, Boyer Chiropractic, Casses Chiropractic Clinic, American Heart Association, Carlisle Hospital, Pennsylvania Commuter Services, Highmark Blue Shield, Chambersburg YMCA, AARP driver safety program, Keystone Acupuncture, Planned Parenthood, Ken & Deb Haines—nutritional info—USANA, Healthy Communities Partnership, Mary Kay skin care, New Day Yoga and Wellness, Advanced Wound Healing Center of Shippensburg, PSECU, Lions Club, Elmcroft Senior Living, SEAP, Gift of Life Donor Program, Franco Psychological Associates, Connections, Family Assistance Center Specialist—National Guard, GWOT Outreach Specialist—Harrisburg Vet Center, MedExpress Urgent Care, Saddler Health, Spiritual Center, ShipRec, Therapy dogs, Women's Center/REACT, Giant and the Counseling Center.

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Forum minutes Jan. 29, Feb. 19

Kudos

Dr. **Wendy S. Becker**, associate professor of management, taught the class "Personnel Development" at the MCI Management and Law Center, Innsbruck, Austria March 18 to 22. MCI offers graduate, non-graduate and post-graduate educational programs in numerous fields.

Rebecca Blahus, assistant professor of teacher education, presented her dissertation research "Perceptions of Primary Teachers Using Responsive Classroom in the Era of No Child Left Behind" at the International Association of Laboratory Schools conference in Baton Rouge.

William L. Blewett and **Scott A. Drzyzga**, professor and associate professors of geography-earth science, respectively, co-authored the presentation "Unraveling Great Lakes Glacial History Using Ground Penetrating Radar." The paper was presented at the Annual Symposium of the Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society in Denver.

Dr. **Elizabeth Fisher** co-authored the article "Learning Through Experience: The Transition From Doctoral Student to Social Work Educator" that was recently published in the Journal of Social Work Education.

Members of the English department gave various presentations, received awards or had articles published. They are:

Neil Connelly held writing workshops at Shippensburg Library, Good Shepherd Middle School, Harrisburg Academy, and at the Amelia Given Library in Boiling Spring. He also participated in the panel "Zombies, Vampires, Detectives, Oh My: The Role of Genre in Undergraduate Creative Writing Workshop" at the annual Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference in Boston. His story "The Dad in Question" was published by Gulf Stream, an online literary journal, while "The Lost Art of Believable Make Believe" was published by Pembroke.

Dr. **Thomas Crochunis** was awarded a faculty Teaching and Research Excellence grant for 2013-14 to pursue his research project, "Three women theatre managers in London, Scotland, and the Provinces in the 1830s." He also organized and then presented with student Nicole Stouffer at the session "Connecting Through Student Affiliates to Ignite Campus Interest in Literature And Literacy" at the NCTE Conference in Las Vegas. He organized and then

presented with students Kate Garvick, Janelle Healy, Krista Bussewitz, and Kelsey Winton at the session "Literacy Sponsorship Profiles: Encountering Students' Changing Literacies" at the PCTELA Conference in Lancaster. He also organized and then presented with Dr. **William Cowden** from the educational leadership department the paper "Assessment in the Wild: Evaluating Field-Based Practice in Ways that Enhance Student Learning" at the Inaugural Conference on Emerging and Innovative Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Practices to Ensure Student Success in Shippensburg.

Dr. **Erica Galioto** published "Split Skin: Adolescent Cutters and the Other" in *Skin, Culture, and Psychoanalysis*. She also presented "Mentoring Marisol: Composition Pedagogy and the Gateway to Professional Identity" at the SUNY Council on Writing Annual Conference in Buffalo.

Dr. **Sharon Harrow** presented on the panel "Live Text as Interpretive Model: A Spirited Reading and Pedagogical Discussion of Scenes from Congreve's *Way of the World*" at the 44th annual meeting of the American Society for 18th-Century Studies in Cleveland. She was also invited to speak about pedagogy and feminisms at "Enlightenment Constellations," the conference for the Canadian Society of 18th-Century Studies.

Dr. **Shannon Mortimore-Smith** was invited by the English Department Professional Development Committee to present a scholarly talk on video games and classroom gamification titled "Gaming the Classroom: Multiplayer Approaches to Teaching." She also chaired and presented on the panel "Gaming the English Classroom: Advancing the Literacy of Play" at the National Council of Teachers of English annual conference in Las Vegas. She also published "Fueling the Spectacle: Audience as 'Gamemaker'" in *Of Bread, Blood and the Hunger Games*. She also presented "Comics as Critical Consciousness" at the Comic Arts International Conference at the Comic-Con Convention in San Diego.

Dr. **Kim van Alkemade** and Connelly presented readings from their creative work in progress at the workshop "What's in a Genre" at Shippensburg University.

Dr. **Sean Cornell** of the geography-earth science department presented a number of papers at the Northeast Geological Society of America Meet-

ing in Bretton Woods, N.H. recently. They include: co-convening a topical session with Dr. **Joseph Zume** of the geography-earth science department titled "T13. Bridging the Curriculum Divide: Using Geophysical Data and Field Methods in Undergraduate Courses to Anchor Theory and Application;" presented the paper he co-authored with Zume on "Enhancing an Introductory Geology Course Through the Integration of Shallow Geophysical Imaging Technology (Git) Into Field-Based Laboratories;" presented the paper he co-authored with Zume on "Breaking the Barriers of Traditional Education: A Curriculum Bridge Approach to STEM Education at Shippensburg University;" presented the paper he co-authored with student Brian Pawling on "A GIS Approach to Mapping Sedimentation Patterns in the Letterkenny Reservoir, Franklin County Pennsylvania Using Kayak-Deployed Ground Penetrating Radar;" presented the co-authored paper with students Eric Rothermel, Joseph D. Hawbaker and Dana Heston on "A Window into the Subsurface of the Cumberland Valley Of Central Pennsylvania: Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Investigation of Karst Features In The Shippensburg Valley Quarry;" presented the co-authored paper with Heston and Hawbaker on "Hydrogeologic Investigation of Infiltration Rates in Natural and Man-Made Beaches at Wallops Island, Virginia;" presented the co-authored paper on "Grain Size Distribution and Sediment Transport Patterns Along Wallops Island, Virginia: Pre- and Post-Hurricane Sandy;" and presented the co-authored paper "Investigating Barrier Island Migration and Storm Overwash On Wallops Island, Va, Though Vibracoring;" Zume and student Keri Simmons presented their paper "On the merit of hands-on education: Imaging a buried old stream channel in a shallow alluvial plain using near-surface geophysics."

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UNIVERSITY FORUM

January 29, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Sara Grove, Chair, called the January meeting of the University Forum to order at 3:34 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in Lehman Library 106. The following members or alternates were present: Brendan Finucane, Liz Fisher, Sara Grove, Jody Harpster, Chad Kimmel, Barbara Lyman, Luke Perry, Dan Predecki, Christine Royce, Rick Ruth, Roger Serr, Denny Terrell, and Todd Whitman.

Others Present: David Bateman, Steven Haase, Bob Hale, John Kooti, Dennis Mathes, Shelley Morrisette, José Ricardo, and Jonathan Skaff.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a Finucane/Royce motion, the minutes of the November 20, 2012, meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence with the University President

Grove reviewed correspondence with the President following the November meeting.

Minutes of the University President's Cabinet

The minutes from the President's Cabinet meeting of November 2012 had been distributed with the agenda. There were no comments or questions from members of the University Forum.

A summary of the Administrative Retreat minutes from May 2012 were provided to the University Forum members.

Planning and Budget Council

Lyman reported the Planning and Budget Council met on January 23, 2013.

The administration had not received any updates on the Commonwealth's FY 2013-14 budget. A mid-year report and budget projections will be presented at the February Planning and Budget Council meeting which will take place after the Governor's budget address.

Terrell presented information on post-retirement liability costs, including information from Moody's which provided details about the bond ratings for the PASSHE.

Ruth reported that Banner was upgraded over break the Winter break and it appears that the upgrade was successful.

Schoolcraft reported on the ongoing approval process for the Academic Master. At the present time, the framing narrative, vision statement, strategies, suggested activities, and implementation plan are being reviewed and approved by various campus constituencies.

Grove reported on the MSCHE conference that was held in December 2012. In addition to the requirements for the Periodic Review Report, Middle States has issued additional requirements related to the Higher Education Opportunity Act; the four major areas for compliance involve distance education, transfer credit, Title IV cohort default rate, and assignment of credit hours.

Lyman reported that on January 25, 2013, the Executive Management Team would participate in a retreat to launch the renewal of the University's strategic planning process. She also reported that a consultant would be on campus February 27 and 28, 2013 to review our enrollment management plans.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Student Affairs Committee

Serr reported the move from the residence halls into the suites went smoothly with the help of community members from both on- and off-campus. Dr. Todd Peterson is the new Medical Director of Health and Emergency Services at the Etter Health Center. The Counseling Center has moved into McLean II and the Health Center will relocate to McLean II over Spring Break.

Student Association

Perry reported that the Student Senate's 50th Anniversary celebration will be included as part of the activities during Alumni Days, May 30 to June 2, 2013. Perry added the Senate is preparing for its elections this spring.

Graduate Student Association Board (GSAB)

There was no report from the Graduate Student Association Board.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

The University Curriculum Committee met on December 4, 2012. Grove presented the UCC report.

The following proposals were approved at UCC and were presented to Forum as information items:

- 12-73 SOC 530 Sociology of Higher Ed for Video Conf (Distance Education)

- 12-75 Curricular Decision Planning: Standards, Assessment, & Accountability (Distance Education)

The following proposals were approved at UCC and are presented to Forum for approval:

- 12-39 Product Design and Development (New Undergraduate Course)

Proposal 12-39 had been tabled at the November University Forum meeting. Morrisette explained changes in the proposal. He will teach the course; as part of the course, entrepreneurs will meet with the students periodically. Kooti added that this course is part of the shift of entrepreneurship from a concentration to a major. On a Finucane/Predecki motion, UCC 12-39 was approved.

- 12-42 Academic Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates

This is a new proposal for academic requirements. This will provide consistency across the University and will provide common requirements for certificates and letters of completion, including: a minimum QPA of 2.0; courses may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis; half or more of the courses must be taken at Shippensburg; and only six credit hours taken for one certificate may be counted toward another. The need for these changes was discovered during implementation of the Degree Audit program. Finucane asked if there were a minimum number of credits. Lyman responded we are using Middle States' requirements. On a Finucane/Predecki motion, UCC 12-42 was approved.

- 12-47 Honors in Psychology Program Revision

Haase reported the Honors in Psychology program in the current catalog was based on a prior curriculum model; changes are necessary to make the program consistent with the current curriculum model. A 3.8 GPA is needed to participate.

Predecki asked how this program is different from the University's Honors Program. Haase responded this is a separate program. Lyman asked Haase to speak with the University's Honors Program to eliminate any confusion. Finucane thought the GPA requirement may be too high and asked for exceptions based upon department approval. On a Lyman/Serr motion, UCC 12-47 was passed.

- 12-50 Masters of Reading (Program Revision)
- 12-51 RDG 524: English Language Learners: Diversity's Impact on Literacy Instruction in a Standards Aligned System (New Graduate Course)

The change in UCC proposal 12-50 is to place the program in compliance with requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

Royce added the changes conform to PDE's requirements that students need nine hours of special education coursework. On a Whitman/Ruth motion, UCC 12-50 and 12-51 were passed.

- 12-52 EEC 5xx: Special Education Processes in a Standards Aligned System

(New Graduate Course)

Bateman reported this will be a 500 level course and aligns our standards with PDE. On a Royce/Harpster motion, UCC 12-52 passed.

- 12-62 B.S.Ed. History Program (Program Revision)

Grove reported the primary change is the removal of specific requirement of either BIO145 or ESS108 for Category C in the General Education Program. Royce added that PDE no longer requires environmental science. On a Predecki/Perry motion, UCC 12-62 was approved.

- 12-66 Letters of Completion (Program Revision)

Grove reported this proposal changes certificate programs to letters of completions. The programs will have their program type designation changed from certificate to letters of completion in order to comply with the Board of Governors' policy on credit-based academic programs. This also aligns Middle States and PASSHE polices regarding certificates. On a Lyman/Finucane motion, UCC 12-66 was approved.

- 12-76 Anthropology Minor (Catalog Revision)

Grove reported the courses listed in the catalog need to be corrected. On a Fisher/Perry motion, UCC 12-76 was approved.

- 12-67 Chinese 101 (New Undergraduate Course)

Ricardo reported the Modern Languages Department is trying to diversify languages being offered and to bring the curriculum to the 21st century. Chinese is not an easy language to learn and teaching it requires expertise on the part of the instructor. Ricardo reported the department would like to offer Chinese 101 as a pilot program through Professional, Continuing, and Distance Education (PCDE). The course would count as a free elective for students. Finucane asked who would teach the course. Ricardo responded that the Department has been working with a Chinese-language speaker who is working to develop pedagogical strategies to teach the course. Ricardo was asked if any other PASSHE university was offering Chinese; he replied that he believes there are three. On Finucane/Perry motion, UCC 12-67 was approved.

- 12-68 B.A. in International Studies (New Undergraduate Program)
- 12-69 International Studies (Minor Program Revision)
- 12-70 Revision of INT 200 (Catalog Description)
- 12-71 Revision of INT 300 (Catalog Description)
- 12-72 Revision of INT 390 (Catalog Description)

Skaff reported the International Studies minor has existed since 1996. It has grown in terms of both student and faculty interest. Over the past three years, it has been the largest minor in the College of Arts and Sciences and the fourth largest at the University. A steering committee was formed about two years ago to design the curriculum for the major. Currently, the minor is 21 credit hours and the proposed major would be 39 credit hours. The major includes nine credit

hours of a foreign language beyond the current B.A. requirement. Skaff noted that the Modern Languages Department has the capacity to absorb this increase. On a Harpster/Lyman motion, UCC 12-68 through 12-72 were approved.

- 12-7 Supply Chain and Logistics Management Letter of Completion Program (Program Revision New Certificate)
- 12-8 Advanced Supply Chain and Logistics Management (ASCLM) Certificate Program (Program Revision New Certificate)
- 12-9 SCM 510: Introduction to Logistics and Transportation Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-10 SCM 515: Procurement Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-11 SCM 555: Supply Chain Quality Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-12 SCM 570: Supply Chain Management Theory and Practice (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-13 SCM 590: Warehousing and Distribution Management (Revised Graduate Course)

On a Predecki/Whitman motion, UCC 12-7 through 12-13 were tabled due to the time and that no representative from the UCC or the department was present to discuss the proposals.

- 12-54 Internship in Business Administration I (1 credit) (Revised Course)
- 12-55 Internship in Business Administration I (2 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-56 Internship in Business Administration (3 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-57 Internship in Business Administration II (3 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-58 Internship in Business Administration II (2 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-59 Internship in Business Administration II (1 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-60 Internship in Business Administration I (6 credits) (Revised Course)
- 12-61 Internship in Business Administration II (9 credits) (Revised Course)

On a Terrell/Whitman motion, UCC 12-54 through 12-61 were tabled due to the time and that no representative from the UCC or the department was present to discuss the proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the University Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in the Lehman Library Room 106. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The remaining dates for the University Forum meetings for AY 2012-2013 are: Tuesday, March 26, 2013; Tuesday, April 16, 2013; and Thursday, May 2, 2013.

MINUTES Prepared by Dynel Miracle, Recording Secretary

UNIVERSITY FORUM

February 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Sara Grove, Chair, called the February meeting of the University Forum to order at 3:32 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in Lehman Library 106. The following members or alternates were present: Debra Cornelius, Aaron Dobbs, Tom Feeney, Liz Fisher, Sara Grove, Jody Harpster, Chad Kimmel, Barbara Lyman, Luke Perry, Dan Predecki, Rick Ruth, Roger Serr, Denny Terrell, Allison Watts, Todd Whitman, and Chad Witmer.

Others Present: Jonathan Kohn and Dennis Mathes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a Cornelius/Predecki motion, the minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2013, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence with the University President

Grove reviewed correspondence with the President following the January meeting.

Minutes of the University President's Cabinet

The President's Cabinet had not met since the January meeting of the University Forum.

Planning and Budget Council

The Planning and Budget Council had not met since the January meeting of the University Forum. The next Planning and Budget Council meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2013.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Student Affairs Committee

Serr reported meetings have been completed for the food service contract and consultants are reviewing the financial statements. The two vendors are Chartwells and Metz Culinary Management from western Pennsylvania. Whitman asked about students' satisfaction with the current vendor, Chartwells. Serr responded a recent survey showed students' attitudes were very favorable.

Student Association

Perry reported that spring elections will be held March 11-14, 2013.

Graduate Student Association Board (GSAB)

Witmer reported the first meeting of the semester was held and discussion focused on promoting the GSAB and recruitment of members. GSAB created a new-elected position, Publicist; elections will be held at the next meeting. GSAB is developing a plan to events to earlier points in the semester.

University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

At the January 2013 University Forum meeting, UCC 12-7 through 12-13 were tabled due to the time and that no representative from the UCC or the department was present to discuss the proposals.

- 12-7 Supply Chain and Logistics Management Letter of Completion Program (Program Revision New Certificate)
- 12-8 Advanced Supply Chain and Logistics Management (ASCLM) Certificate Program (Program Revision New Certificate)
- 12-9 SCM 510: Introduction to Logistics and Transportation Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-10 SCM 515: Procurement Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-11 SCM 555: Supply Chain Quality Management (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-12 SCM 570: Supply Chain Management Theory and Practice (Revised Graduate Course)
- 12-13 SCM 590: Warehousing and Distribution Management (Revised Graduate Course)

Kohn was present at the meeting to discuss the proposals. He reported the proposals were for two certificate programs, one for a letter of completion and the other for a full certificate. The courses will be taught online. Shippensburg University has the only Supply Chain Management (SCM) program in the PASSHE system and there are only seven other programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This program will attract professionals due to the high concentration of logistics operations in our area. The proposal complies with the new PASSHE policy on certificates. On a Dobbs/Cornelius motion, UCC proposals 12-7 through 12-13 were approved.

At the January 2013 University Forum meeting, UCC 12-54 through 12-61 were tabled due to the time and that no representative from the UCC or the department was present to discuss the proposals.

- 12-54 Internship in Business Administration I - 1 credit (Revised Course)

- 12-55 Internship in Business Administration I - 2 credits (Revised Course)
- 12-56 Internship in Business Administration - 3 credits (Revised Course)
- 12-57 Internship in Business Administration II - 3 credits (Revised Course)
- 12-58 Internship in Business Administration II - 2 credits (Revised Course)
- 12-59 Internship in Business Administration II - 1 credit (Revised Course)
- 12-60 Internship in Business Administration I - 6 credits (Revised Course)
- 12-61 Internship in Business Administration II - 9 credits (Revised Course)

Kohn agreed to represent the College of Business in support of these proposals. He reported these proposals will bring the required number of hours for internships in line with the University's standards. The College of Business will also offer one- and two-credit internship programs for sophomore who have completed at least 30 credits and maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. Kohn noted this will provide business students with an opportunity for an internship earlier in their academic program, allowing students to gain a better understanding of the professional world.

Forum members discussed whether internship was either on-load or off-load. Lyman clarified that internships may be organized into a course with nine undergraduate student internships equal to a three-credit course. Kohn responded the College of Business is moving in the direction where each department will have a faculty member designated to handle all internships under the course model. Currently, the departments of Marketing and Management and Accounting, Management Information Systems, and Information Technology for Business Education have one faculty member who supervises internships. Cornelius expressed concern about faculty members and their workload hours. She asked whether faculty members were working on overload and whether there are enough faculty members now to accommodate this. Lyman stated that with the University down in enrollment, there is sufficient FTEF to cover internships. Kohn added the bulk of internships are in the summer, so this does not present a problem.

Whitman asked about credit hours. Kohn responded that the course proposals place the College of Business in compliance with the University standard of forty hours of work for one academic credit. Whitman asked if the policy changes were in alignment with AACSB standards; Kohn stated that he believed it was.

On a Dobbs/Harpster motion, UCC proposals 12-54 through 12-61 were approved.

Dobbs reported the University Curriculum Committee met on February 5, 2013.

The following proposals were approved at UCC and were presented to Forum for approval:

- 12-45 The Art of the Film (ENG243) (Revised Undergraduate Course)

Dobbs reported this proposal updates ENG courses and the proposal has been approved by GEC. On a Dobbs/Fisher motion, UCC 12-45 was approved.

- 12-63 Interdisciplinary Minor in Disability Studies (New Program – Minor)

- 12-64 Introduction to Disability Studies DS100 (New Undergraduate Course)
- 12-65 Capstone in Disability Studies DS400 (New Undergraduate Course)

Grove reported a letter of intent was forwarded to PASSHE proposing a new minor in Disabilities Studies. PASSHE granted approval and commended the University for the well-written and thorough proposal. This will be the first program of its kind in the PASSHE system.

Whitman asked if there would be content overlap between disability studies and special education being taught by the College of Education and Human Services. Dobbs responded there is no overlap.

On a Dobbs/Cornelius motion, UCC proposals 12-63, 12-64, and 12-65 were approved. The distance education portion of UCC proposal 12-64 will be reviewed next month

NEW BUSINESS

Cornelius asked administrators present for an update on plans to fill the presidential vacancy. The administrators suggested that Forum members become familiar with PASSHE's policy on Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers.

An update on the Academic Master Plan will be provided at the April meeting.

Cornelius will chair March's University Forum meeting, as Grove will be with students off-campus.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the University Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in the Lehman Library Room 106. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

The remaining dates for the University Forum meetings for AY 2012-2013 are: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and Thursday, May 2, 2013.

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Grades due May 16

Spring 2013 grades are due by 3 p.m. May 16. Grade submission will be enabled in the myShip portal on May 3. All grades will be processed online.

Faculty talk

Dr. Matthew Cella, assistant professor of English, will give a talk at 3:30 p.m. April 11 in Dauphin Humanities Center 051.

His talk is "You Don't Have to Hike the Trails to Care About the Forest: Disability Narratives and the Environment."

The talk examines how autobiographical narratives by people with disabilities challenge normative (even ableist) constructions of the body-environment relationship. The study of these disability narratives therefore provides an opportunity to develop a richer and more inclusive ecological criticism.

Math conference

The university will host the SIAM/MAA Fourth Mid-Atlantic Regional Applied Math Student Conference April 12 and 13. SIAM (The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) is an international organization for applied mathematics. MAA is the Mathematical Association of America.

The conference is hosted by the university's student SIAM chapter in partnership with SIAM student chapters at University of Delaware, George Mason University, Penn State University and University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Featured speaker at the conference is Dr. Suzanne Lenhart, University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS). Her talk will explore the effects of order of events in population models with discrete time.

The program, funded by a National Security Grant, will include oral undergraduate and graduate research presentations, poster presentations, and math modeling contest presenta-

tions. A career panel discussion is also planned.

Work abroad program

The rewards and risks of working in Asia and Europe are the focus of a program April 11 at Shippensburg University.

The program, free and open to the public, is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Orndorff Theatre in the Ceddia Union Building. It is co-sponsored by the departments of English, history/philosophy and teacher education, the Career Development Center and the International Studies Program.

The program will be presented by Dr. James Barnhart of Carlisle. Barnhart has 15 years of experience in China, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, and France. His talk will give particular attention to teaching English in Asia, but also will address work in corporate, government and non-profit settings. Rewards include ease of locating jobs and securing promotions, accelerated personal and professional growth, and opportunities for travel and language learning. Risks include culture shock, illnesses, challenges of intercultural dating, and difficulties reintegrating into the U.S.

Spring commencement

The Commencement Committee invites faculty to participate in the undergraduate commencement ceremony May 11 at 11 a.m. in Seth Grove Stadium.

Faculty members who wish to order academic regalia are asked to contact the University Store at ext. 1600 from on-campus or 477-1600 from off-campus.

Faculty members are also invited to present a diploma cover to a family member who is graduating. Individuals who do want to present a cover are asked to contact Dr. Peter M. Gigliotti at ext. 1202 or via e-mail at pmgigl@ship.edu by May 1.

Faculty participants who wish to bring a guest may obtain a ticket for reserved seating in the stadium from the Office of University Communica-

tions and Marketing, ext. 1202, by May 1. Stadium gates open at 9 a.m. Light refreshments will be available. Refreshment stands also will be open to purchase cold drinks. Please have your guests arrive in time to be seated by 10:30 a.m. The academic procession begins at 11 a.m.

Faculty will robe by 10:30 a.m. in the Red Raider Locker Room under the north end of the grandstand. The academic procession will form at 10:45 a.m. and start promptly at 11 a.m. The mace bearer will lead the processional followed by the graduating class, faculty, administrators and the platform party. The recessional will be led by the mace bearer followed by the platform party, administrators and faculty. Since students will not recess, faculty who wish to remain to meet with graduates should step aside to allow other faculty to continue off the field.

In the event of inclement weather, information will be placed on Hotline beginning May 10 and will be updated as needed. Final information will be available by 7:30 a.m. May 11. In the event of inclement weather, commencement will be held in Heiges Field House in two separate ceremonies. Members of the John L. Grove College of Business, and the College of Education and Human Services will participate in the 11 a.m. ceremony. Members of the College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the 3 p.m. ceremony.

In case of inclement weather, the decision to move indoors will be made by President Ruud as soon as he can, possibly Friday, May 10, to allow time to notify graduates and the public. In the event of inclement weather, faculty participants are asked to robe at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their respective ceremonies.

Should you have any questions concerning your participation in the ceremony, please call Gigliotti at ext. 1202 or via e-mail at pmgigl@ship.edu.

Coming soon . . .

- April 9** Lacrosse hosts West Chester, 4 p.m.
- 10** Luhrs Circle of Friend Gala — Texas Style, followed by a performance of the Texas Tenors at 8 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. For information, call 477-SHOW or go to www.luhrscenter.com.
- 11** Presentation: Working in Asia & Europe: Rewards & Ricks by Dr. James Barnhart, 3:30 p.m., Orndorff Theatre, CUB.
- 12** Baseball hosts Bloomsburg (DH), 1 p.m.
- 13** Softball hosts Lock Haven (DH), 1 p.m.
Tennis hosts Millersville, 1 p.m.
Lacrosse hosts Bloomsburg, 1 p.m.
- 14** Woodwind Ensembles, 3 p.m., Old Main Chapel, free.
- 15** International Film Series: *Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry*, 7 p.m., Grove Hall Forum, free.
- 16** Baseball hosts Wilmington, 3 p.m.
- 17** ABBA The Concert, 8 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. For information, call 477-SHOW or go to www.luhrscenter.com.
- 19** Baseball hosts West Chester (DH), 1 p.m.
Softball hosts West Chester (DH), 2:30 p.m.
- 21** Shippensburg University-Community Orchestra spring concert, p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, free.

For more details on university events, please go to <http://www.ship.edu/events>.

For more details on athletic events, please go to <http://www.shipraiders.com>.