Changes to the General Education Curriculum

Last semester, the University faculty voted to approve four changes to the general education curriculum. While these changes keep true to the rigor and value of general education, they have been designed to improve the flexibility of the general education curriculum. The number of credits required in the general education curriculum is now reduced, and since these changes are less restrictive, they are effective immediately (and retroactively) for all enrolled students.

The changes are as follows:

1) Within the G1, G2, and G3 blocks remove the restriction that two courses must be from the same department. Now students will be able to take three different courses from three different departments. Students still will not be allowed to count three courses from the same department.

2) Within the Connections and Explorations block allow the Perspectives (P) course to count within both general education and the major. This would be like the D and W courses are now.

3) Within the Connections and Explorations block remove the open elective. Students may still use an open elective to fulfill the UNIV 103 requirement.

4) Reduce the number of required Writing Intensive (W) courses from four to three.

If faculty have any further questions about these changes, contact Dr. L. Lynn Marquez, coordinator of general education at Lynn.Marquez@Millersville.edu, or Dr. Nazli Hardy, chair of general education review committee at Nazli.Hardy@millersville.edu.

Schwartz Appointed Director of the Entrepreneurship Minor Program

Dr. Stephanie Elzer Schwartz has been appointed director of the entrepreneurship minor program at Millersville. She joined Millersville University in 2003 in computer science and serves as director of the Software Productization Center at the University.

Schwartz currently is a mentor in the Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program. She has served as chair of the University-wide Promotion and Tenure Committee and was a member of a working group for the Millersville University self-study for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation review. Schwartz was also a member of the search committee for the dean of the school of science and mathematics in 2008-09.
In 2007, Schwartz received the Springer Best Paper Award at the International Conference on User Modeling. Other awards include the James Chen Annual Award for Best Journal Article at the User Modeling and User-Adapted Interaction in 2006 and the Best Paper Award at the Fourth International Conference on the Theory and Application of Diagrams also in 2006.

Schwartz received both her Ph.D. and master’s degree in computer and information sciences from the University of Delaware and her bachelor’s degree in computer science from Shippensburg University.

**19th Annual “Sweet Emotion” Wellness Fair**

Millersville University will hold its 19th annual Wellness Fair on Wednesday, October 17, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the Student Memorial Center (SMC) Promenade.

Each year a different theme is chosen for the fair based on the seven wellness dimensions: physical, social, environmental, spiritual, emotional, occupational and intellectual. This year’s theme will be “sweet emotion.” Numerous community organizations, Millersville University departments and student organizations will be participating by setting up interactive displays.

Celebrated once again in conjunction with the Wellness Fair will be the breast health initiative, “Breast-a-Ville,” at the SMC. The second annual Breast-a-Ville has a mission to promote good breast health habits among young women and men on campus. The fair will include educational opportunities as well as games and prizes. Numerous campus organizations, sororities and individuals have volunteered to be a part of the Breast-a-Ville this year. Experts from local organizations, such as Penn State Hershey Breast Center, Lancaster General Hospital and the American Cancer Society, will also be in attendance to answer questions.

In the case of rain, the Wellness Fair and Breast-a-Ville will be held in Marauder Court, SMC Fitness Center. For more information, contact Deb Huslin, office manager of the Wellness and Women’s Program, at 717-872-3841 or at wellnesscenter@millersville.edu.

**Useful Guide, Updated**

Is it a house, hall, building, room or auditorium? From formal titles and pesky hyphens to proper usage and punctuation, Millersville’s Editorial Style Guide addresses style issues specific to the University to achieve a consistent and high quality standard of writing.

To stay up-to-date with campus’ latest changes, the University’s Editorial Style Guide was recently updated to include such additions.
as the new Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center and Sexuality and Gender Institute, to name a few.

A handy tool for faculty and staff (students, too) in divisions, departments and offices who write and edit pieces on behalf of the University, the style guide, which is published by the Office of University Communications and Marketing, offers authors greater consistency of style and easy-to-follow references to campus usage.

Some of the features also include University references to places, buildings and programs; capitalization, abbreviation and spelling rules; and helpful links – so save the link to the PDF version to your browser, print it out and keep it beside your desk or save a copy to your computer’s desktop!

“The Editorial Style Guide reflects University usage to help readers understand our messages; maintaining a consistency of style presents a strong image of Millersville University to the public,” said Amy Dmitzak, assistant vice president for University advancement.

A companion piece, the Institutional Identity Guide for Millersville University, provides usage guidelines for graphic style including the logo, seal, athletics marks and brand identity.

For questions about the style guide, or to make a suggestion, contact Pat Coulson, assistant director of communications, at 717-871-5826 or Pat.Coulson@millersville.edu.

COT Approves Emeritus Status and Scholarships

The Council of Trustees (COT) at their regular meeting on September 19 approved emeritus status for Dr. Howard C. Ellis, business administration, who retired in June 2011 after 31 years of service to the University. In addition to serving in business administration, he also held many positions in APSCUF.

Also at their meeting, the COT approved the Ann B. Barshinger Endowed Scholarship, the James W. and Sally C. Saxton Scholarship in Pre-Law Studies and the Dr. Erik and Mrs. Jeanne Nakjavani Award for International Study.

And the council approved renaming the Brossman Science Lecture Series to the Brossman/Frisbie Science Lecture Series to recognize the long-time involvement and support of Ronald Frisbie. The next in this lecture series will feature Dr. Ainissa Ramirez, pictured on the right, November 8.

Two Millersville Faculty Members Featured in F&M Exhibit

Millersville University professors Ben Cunningham, associate professor of 2D design and drawing, and Line Bruntse, associate professor of sculpture, will be featured artists in a group exhibition titled "Uncommon Denominator: James Nestor and His Students." This group exhibition, featuring the work of Dr. James Nestor, retired professor from Indiana University of
Pennsylvania and sculptor and performance artist, and 18 of his former students, will be on display September 15 through December 1 at Franklin & Marshall College (F&M).

This exhibition will be curated by sculptors Bruntse and Tedd Pettibon, adjunct instructor of art at F&M.

Featuring dozens of works in a range of media, the exhibition will include indoor and outdoor sculpture, photography, digital art and video. The range of media, methods and content featured is a testament to fact that Nestor fostered an adventurous, expansive and experimental approach to art-making in his students.

“The works in the exhibit are all very strong examples of contemporary spatial art, a challenging exhibition it elicits curiosity and challenges viewers to really think about the art work and what its inferences are,” said Bruntse. “The exhibit shows the importance of educators and the impact that we all as teachers may have on generations of students. It is particularly pertinent to students and faculty at Millersville as we are a teaching University and this exhibit shows the ripple effect of one teacher.”

The exhibit will be held in the Dana and Rothman Galleries at the Phillips Museum of Art, F&M. The Phillips Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and holidays. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Millersville University Students Step Up!

Students at Millersville University pledged to be an active bystander at the Step Up! Program during the fall 2012 orientation. Step Up! is an educational program created by the University of Arizona that trains students on bystander intervention using five principles: Notice the event; Interpret it as a problem; Assume personal responsibility; Know how to help; and finally “Step Up!”

Jayme Trogus, director of the Elsie S. Shenk Wellness & Women's Program, attended the Step Up! Program facilitator training in Arizona last May, with Katherine Kealey, assistant director of the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership (CSIL). “It was decided this summer that the Step Up! Program would be included as a part of orientation due to its importance and relevance to many of the everyday decisions students are asked to make,” said Trogus. “The program is impactful on a broad range of topics from alcohol use, sexual violence, academic misconduct, etc.”

The bystander trainers alongside Trogus and Kealey were Michelle Perez, vice president for student affairs, Lilly Leon, interim director of the CSIL, and graduate assistants in multicultural affairs, Mariela Horna, Jesse Fraser and Matt Kirkley.
“The presentation provided at orientation gave students an understanding of what bystander intervention is, why it's important and how to be an active bystander through explaining and giving examples of each of the principles of the program,” said Trogus.

The Step Up! Program was also offered this week during the Break the Silence to End the Violence six-week program.

“We hope to continue this program yearly during orientation and to incorporate the messages of Step Up! into more of the educational programs that we offer on campus throughout the year,” said Trogus.

For more information, contact Trogus at Jayme.Trogus@millersville.edu or at 717-871-2238. To learn more about the Step Up! Program, visit www.stepupprogram.org/.

Don’t Shoot: David Kennedy Brings His Story to Millersville

“Don’t Shoot” will be presented at Millersville University by David M. Kennedy on October 18. Kennedy, the director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, will present his lecture “Don't Shoot: Violence, Prison, Race and Common Ground” at 8 p.m. in Reighard Multipurpose Room, Student Memorial Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Kennedy is the co-chair of the National Network for Safe Communities, an alliance of more than 50 jurisdictions dedicated to reducing crime, reducing incarceration and addressing the racial conflict associated with traditional crime policy. Kennedy also helped to design and field the Justice Department’s Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative, Treasury Department’s Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative and the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Drug Market Intervention Program.

The Lancaster Violent Crime Reduction Initiative is currently using a focused deterrence approach based on Kennedy’s work to reduce the violence associated with drug dealing. Partners in the Lancaster Violent Crime Reduction Initiative include Millersville University, Lancaster Bureau of Police, Lancaster Community Safety Coalition, the District Attorney’s Office, the Office of Adult Probation and Parole, CareerLink, Boys and Girls Club, Water Street Mission and numerous houses of worship and community members.

Kennedy also directed the Boston Gun Project, whose “Operation Ceasefire” intervention won the Ford Foundation Innovations in Government Award, Herman Goldstein International Award for Problem-Oriented Policing and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award. Additionally, he developed the High Point Drug Market Intervention Strategy, which won the Innovations in Government Award.

Kennedy is the author of Deterrence and Crime Prevention: Reconsidering the Prospect of Sanction, co-author of Beyond 911: A New Era for Policing, and a wide range of articles on gang
violence, drug markets, domestic violence, firearms trafficking, deterrence theory and other public safety issues. His latest book, Don’t Shoot, One Man, a Street Fellowship, and the End of Violence in Inner-City America was published in September 2011.

10/4/2012 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for October 4, 2012.

Fall 2012 Emeriti

Dr. Vilas A. Prabhu, provost and vice president for academic affairs, joined by those who received emeriti status during fall 2012 Convocation. Left to right: Prabhu, Drs. Francis J. Bremer, history, Kathryn A. Gregoire, social work, C. Virginia Palmer, nursing, Lucinda Ridley, education and Perry Gemmill, industry and technology.

Dr. M. P. A. Sheaffer, English, participated in two seminars in July at the Courtauld Institute of Art of the University of London: “The Rebuilding of London After the Great Fire of 1666” and “The Baroque in England.” She sang as an alto ringer with the Augustinerkirche Chor in a performance of Mozart’s Grosse Credo Messa” for the celebration of a major Marian feast day on August 15 in Vienna.
Jon Shehan, athletics, was inducted into the Lampeter-Strasburg Hall of Fame on September 21. Shehan, the head coach of Marauder baseball, was a standout player at Lampeter-Strausburg.

Congratulations to:

Linda Roush, development, on her marriage to Kenneth Rubell on August 4 in Amelia Island, Florida.

Lisa Ulrich, human resources, on her marriage to Ronald Olander on September 21 in Mount Joy, Pa.

Need to Know: Employee Wellness Fair

Millersville University’s Employee Wellness Committee would like to invite you to the Employee Wellness Fair on November 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Reighard Multipurpose Room, Student Memorial Center.

Vendors will include Highmark, Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund, Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union, State Employee Assistance Program, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Academy, LA Fitness, Student Memorial Center fitness representatives, Health Services blood pressure checks, a registered dietitian, chiropractor and prevention health screenings (carotid artery and thyroid screenings).

Fitness demos will include dance, yoga and self-defense. A light lunch will be provided.

Registration cost is $30. To register, email human resources at human.resources@millersville.edu. Please discuss this with your supervisor if you plan to attend this fair during your work schedule.

Need to Know: Keystone Solar Celebration

Attend the Turn the Power On celebration on October 16 at Kreider Farm in Lancaster to mark the beginning of Keystone Solar, the largest solar project in Pennsylvania. The celebration will spotlight emerging solar energy while honoring the rich history of Lancaster County, the heart of Amish country. Show your support for local, renewable energy and learn more about solar power, the new clean energy future.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.communityenergyinc.com/kd.
Who Makes Millersville Special

This issue of the Exchange features Mike “Bird” Ribecca, custodial worker at Millersville.

**Q: How long have you been employed at Millersville?**
A: I have been employed at Millersville close to five years.

**Q: What are some of your main responsibilities at Millersville?**
A: In the morning, I cover Gerhart Hall (the temporary home of Ganser Library) and Franklin House (the temporary placement of the archives and special collections department). The remainder of the day is spent on Brooks Gymnasium - maintaining all aspects of housekeeping!

**Q: What do you like most about your job?**
A: Working at a place where diversity is celebrated. I also enjoy being able to visit my beautiful wife and children on breaks because we live just off of campus.

**Q: Do you have a favorite place on campus?**
A: My favorite place by far is the swan pond. All my children have grown up visiting the ducks and turtles. Our newest child, Indigo, especially enjoys it. We go at least once a day!

**Q: What is a must to get you through your day?**
A: Riding my long board! Since we live so close I can skate around quickly to all of my assignments. It is not only fun but also a great way to stay in shape. I also need music to get through the day.

**Q: What do you think is the hardest part of your job?**
A: Getting up at 5 a.m., but it allows me to be done by 2 p.m. so that I can lead an active role in raising my three boys into decent men.

**Q: Where is your hometown?**
A: Clifton Heights (right outside of Philadelphia); I moved to Lancaster in 1988.

**Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**
A: Working with my hands with a strong focus on hand embroidery. My fitted ball caps are popular right now. The hats feature one-of-a-kind, custom designs. I also create unique, functional macramé (wrap style jewelry).

**Q: If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?**
A: Anywhere by plane that is warm! I have done a lot of traveling in the United States but have never flown anywhere so it is on my bucket list.

**Q: If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?**
A: Energetic because I am constantly on the go or creating things.
Q: What events do you or would you like to attend at Millersville University?
A: Some of my friends had an African drumming and dance recital, I took my children to that. Also, I am designing a costume for MU sporting events. It will be a cross between “Captain Jack Sparrow,” the Marauder and myself.

Q: What is an interesting fact about yourself that most people do not know?
A: I have a side business called BUP, Bird Up Productions. It is an art collective, made mostly of MU students (past, present and future) but not entirely.

Q: When you were little, what was your dream job?
A: To be a fashion model in GQ or a magazine like that. I have always been into strongly detail-oriented stuff like that.

Q: What do you enjoy most about the summer season?
A: Attending music and art festivals and outdoor concerts.

Q: Where did your nickname “Bird” come from?
A: My mates from high school joked about my hair resembling a bird’s nest, because of the wild nature of the curl and style! I have always had a fun sense of humor so it stuck pretty instantly! Then during my early 20’s I spent nine months hitching around the West Coast on a spiritual journey to find myself. Thus forth becoming the name I used to introduce myself to others whose paths I would cross!