Student Success Day: February 11, 2004
It’s Coming! That’s right, it’s our opportunity to help our students become SUCCESSFUL!!!! How many times have you asked yourself, “Why don’t I have more time to meet with my students?” Maybe you have spent lonely afternoons (much like the Maytag Repairman) waiting for students to stop by during your office hours? Well, you have the chance to make a difference! Please become actively involved in making this semester’s Student Success Day a SUCCESS!!! We need your help to encourage students to attend sessions and meet with their instructors. Better still, instead of “encouraging” students to stop by, why not schedule appointments? You might offer extra credit to students who attend or assign a homework that focuses upon “student success.” There is still time to volunteer to lead a break-out session! Again, we can make a difference for our students on Student Success Day: February 11th. More details about the Student Success Day schedule will be published soon.

Reminder: Following Student Success Day, at 1:00, all Faculty are asked to meet to discuss, “Minnesota Transfer Curriculum: What is it and What is it not?” Leading the discussion will be MnSCU’s MN Transfer Experts Linda Lade and Jerry Johnson as well as MSCF’s MN Transfer Curriculum Oversight State Committee Members Larry Oveson (MSCF Co-President) Greg Mulcahy (MSCF Co-Treasurer).

UCR Blood Drive
The next UCR Blood Drive is scheduled for February 3-5, 8:30 - 3:30 each day in “That 70's Room.” If you donated during the November Blood Drive, it is not too soon to donate again!

Call 285-7261 or reply by e-mail to HealthServices@rctc.roch.edu to schedule an appointment. Please include your full name, Mayo Clinic Number or SSN, birth date, work phone number (with prefix), and the day and time you prefer. Appointments are preferred! Lots of available appointment times remain. Donations take approximately 30-45 minutes (up to 60 minutes for first-time donors.) Faculty, please encourage students to schedule donation appointments!
**Weekly Funny**

"Why pay big bucks for a DJ or a band for our reception, when Erwin here will play his favorite polka hits on his accordion in exchange for some beer."

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**Weekly Stakeholder and Market Fact**

The college web received 623,521 visits in 2003. The most visits occur in August (331,666) and the least in December (26,076). An average of 51,960 people visit the web site each month. The average number of pages visited each month is 229,557.

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**CROSSINGS CLASSIFIEDS**

For Sale: Firewood - split oak - pickup load – delivered and stacked for $75. Call Tom Hosier at 285-7254 or 280-9970 (evenings).


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**College Rep on Campus**

A representative from North Dakota State University will be on campus in the Atrium area on Thursday, January 29th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please inform students who may have expressed an interest in NDSU.

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**Tour New York**

April 1-6, 2004

You are all invited to join the Retail Merchandising Department and students on a fantastic tour of the Big Apple. We will study the fashion industry where it is happening with appointments and tours throughout the city. New sites of interest this year will be interior decorating appointments and a special event at Madison Square Garden you won’t want to miss. See the attachment for more information.
Supalla’s Scribblings

It was refreshing to hear the President announce a new initiative to expand workforce training capacity at community colleges. If enacted, this proposal will help colleges meet the needs of individuals and businesses. George Boggs, President of the American Association of Community Colleges, said…”President Bush’s proposal addresses a pressing problem at exactly the right moment. Community colleges across the country are encouraged to know that the President embraces their essential role in helping workers gain needed skills. The highly positive reaction among members of Congress to the President’s proposal was clear, and we hope that this initiative marks the beginning of a new federal commitment to community colleges and their role in promoting economic growth and individual prosperity.” Community colleges provide the broadest array of programs to the unemployed, under-employed, or those seeking to enhance their career prospects and quality of life. Community colleges play a leading role in meeting extreme labor shortages in such critical career areas as nursing and other health care professions, information technology, security, and teaching. Community colleges have been identified by industry leaders as the most responsive postsecondary institutions, are affordable, and accessible. Stay tuned for more information about this new federal initiative.

The college has been well represented at several important community functions this past week. Many thanks to those students and staff who joined me at the Diversity Council Annual Meeting and the Martin Luther King “I Have a Dream” Breakfast. Michelle Pyfferoen and I participated in the RAEDI Annual Meeting and heard Dr. William Pulleyblank, Director of the IBM’s Deep Computing Institute, deliver an enlightening message on “Computers, Medicine and Biology: The Next Great Opportunity.” Tuesday evening I was honored to deliver the keynote address at this year’s Post-Bulletin Newspaper Carrier Awards Banquet. Each year the P-B recognizes the top four percent (24 out of 725 carriers) of these dedicated employees at a gala evening for award winners and their families. Nirmala Kotagal, Marilyn Hansmann, and I journeyed to Century College this week where the House Higher Education Finance Committee heard testimony on each of MnSCU’s 32 capital bonding projects. Although the proposed $11.7 million renovation of Rockenbach Gym didn’t make the Governor’s priority list, area legislators are committed to working hard to make sure funding for the project is included in the final legislative appropriation.

Just a single-letter typing mistake in last week’s Scribblings reduced the magnitude of the MnSCU system significantly. The request for applications of persons interested in serving on the MnSCU Board of Trustees should have ended with…Actions of the Board affect the 370,000 students served each year, the system’s 16,000 employees, and an annual budget of more than $1 billion (not million). Maybe it just seems like MnSCU only had a million dollars to allocate to 32 colleges and universities this year.

In a recent Gallup poll, in which Americans rated the honesty and ethical standards of people in 23 professions, nurses were at the top of the list, college professors ranked sixth, lower than veterinarians but higher than police officers and members of the clergy. Here are the professions selected as the 10 most honest and ethical, followed by the percentage of “high” and “very high” votes they received:

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Also on the list were congressmen, 17%; HMO Managers, 9%; and car salespersons, 7%.

**Thought for the Week…**”Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push – a smile. A word of optimism and hope, a ‘you can do it!’ when things are tough.” - Rich DeVos

Keep smiling! Don
J Kehoe called the meeting to order at 2:04p.m. He reminded the committee that proposals would not be addressed at this meeting, but Curricular Review items only.

1. **Other**

   a. **Building Utilities Mechanic (BU) Curricular Review** – W Whynaught, R Sargent, T Soltau and D Chick were in attendance and distributed a document regarding the review. T Soltau noted that changes needed on the common course outlines would be submitted for AASC approval. Certifications in welding and heating/ventilating are being considered based on feedback from partnerships with coops. Lab fees are being considered also. MNTC general education courses are not considered a good match for program objectives, as courses like Technical Math, Intro to Windows, Industrial Safety and Employment Strategies courses were more beneficial to students in this program. J Kehoe noted that MNTC general education credits are a stipulation of NCA accreditation and vocational/occupational courses will not be acceptable. He encouraged the BU instructors to attend the February 11th all faculty staff development meeting with MnSCU representatives to discuss their concerns. J Lee noted that the representatives would be on campus at 1:00p.m. J Kehoe suggested using SPCH 1135, Stagecraft (no prerequisites); ENGL 1109, Introduction to Technical Communication; or COMP 1150, Computer Science Concepts (prerequisites); as these courses are MNTC qualified. The possibility of incorporating the NESS law to waive the general education requirements was also suggested. J Lee stated that the program is very cost efficient and is a Blue Ribbon program for the college. T Soltau said the group is considering an A.S. degree. Kehoe pointed out that 30 MNTC general education credits would be required and suggested looking into an A.A.S. degree and that A.S. degrees require articulation agreements (ex. Stout or MSU, Construction Management). **Action:** For information only.

   b. **CAOR Curricular Review** – J Kehoe indicated that G Wright was to be in attendance to give a report for CAOR. In Wright’s absence, J Kehoe stated that only one of the courses is usually offered and others should likely be deleted. When the course is offered it normally fills and must be taught by a counselor per MnSCU A/B list. J Lee noted that data related to this CIP code is difficult to determine as it is grouped with general studies, study skills, and reading also, but stated that it is a cost efficient course to offer. B Mollberg noted the curriculum should be reviewed. **Action:** J Kehoe will ask G Wright to attend the February meeting to give a full report. For information only.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32p.m.