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http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Receptions on Campus!!
A reception will be held on April 25 for Teresa Brown and Julie Rodakowski from 10:00-12:00 in CF 206/208 honoring them for being chosen as Faculty of the Year at RCTC. Congratulations Teresa and Julie…please come and help them celebrate!

The Business Department is hosting a retirement reception to pay tribute to our colleague, Suzanne Dinusson, on May 2 from 12-2 in the Atrium Faculty Lounge AT302. Hope to see you there!

Noteworthy News from Goddard Library
Research Tools such as an assignment calculator, search strategies, evaluating websites, and article database guides have been added to the library website. For more information, visit the following website:
http://www.roch.edu/library/guideshandouts.php
Marketing Corner

Anna Pingree will be hosting a group of 90 students from Dover-Eyota all day on Tuesday here at UCR. She will also be at four Minnesota Education Fairs around the area including one on campus in the sports complex on Friday, April 27th from 9-11am.

Marketing Fact

Results from the November, 2006 Survey of Stakeholders showed a slight improvement since 2005 in the score given to the question "Do you feel RCTC provides a quality education for the cost?" However, when scores were divided amongst respondents who are either employees or students at RCTC ("Internal") versus everyone else ("External"), it was found that the score given by External respondents actually rose slightly since 2005 while Internal perceptions dropped significantly.

You’re Invited!

All UCR students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to the Salvation Army Thrift Store on Wednesday, April 25th. You will receive 25% off of all purchases. The retail merchandising students will be doing live mannequin modeling throughout the day. Please note the window display area that has been created by the retail students. One retail student has changed the display weekly since October. The RCTC retail merchandising students have contributed over 400 hours fall semester and over 600 hours spring semester designing and merchandising the new Salvation Army Thrift store. In addition, the students are authoring a training manual by departments that will be used for training of Salvation Army Thrift Store employees and volunteers. A CD/video will be created interviewing the students discussing what they have gained from the experience coupled with the Salvation Army programs that profit from the Thrift Store such as the medical and dental clinics. The CD will be taken into the community for awareness of donating, volunteering and purchasing at the Salvation Army Thrift Store as well as providing information about other Salvation Army programs. Please read and share the attached flyer.

~ Suzanne Dinusson

Retail Merchandising Program Coordinator

Club Meeting

Martial Arts Club meets M & W from 8-10pm in SC108

Net Generation

Many thanks to the UCR community. We have raised over $150 for mosquito nets for medical mission to Tanzania. Although we asked for just $1 for a button, many faculty and staff donated $5 to $20 for the button. You have all been very generous and supportive of this venture. A special thanks to Media services, Student Senate and the International Student Club for their support of this fund raiser. If you would like to still contribute, the RCTC foundation office will be collecting the funds. Many Thanks again.

Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: Dining table and 4 chairs. Cherry finished table with diamond inlay 42”Wx66”D plus 18” leaf. Upholstered dark sage chairs. In Ashley Furniture for $675. Asking $375. Anne Benson 280-2809 or anne.benson@roch.edu

For Sale: 2-story townhouse for sale in NW Rochester. $149,900. 1,400 sq. ft., 2-car garage, appliances included. MLS:2928786 listed through Newcastle Realty, LLC Contact Jan Murry: 507-281-2586 (client: Leonard Goldfine)

Final Faculty Lecture Series

Our final faculty lecture for the year will be presented by Chad Israelson (RCTC -- history) and will be entitled "Times They Are A Changin': The Cultural and Social History of Rock and Roll." A flier with more details is attached.
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This week will always be remembered as one of the saddest in the history of higher education. As the result of the Virginia Tech violence and the copy-cat actions in Minnesota and other states that followed, Bob Morris and the UCR security staff are in a state of heightened alert. Policies, procedures and practices are being reviewed to see if they need modification. Bob, Steve and Terry are developing plans that address a campus-wide PA system similar to the one already in place at the UCR Sports Center. Security has mapped out the location of public phones on campus and is working with Student Life to increase the number and standardize these free phones in public places around campus. Facilities staff is researching the possibility of adding phone repeaters on campus to extend cell phone coverage. Some security cameras have already been installed around campus and we expect additional installations in upcoming months. Security staff alone will never be able to guarantee a totally safe campus. Please be vigilant, stay alert to warning signs and don’t hesitate to contact Security at 7262 whenever you encounter suspicious activity, have a question or want to share a suggestion. We’ll continue to work at making UCR and Rochester a better and safer place to live, work and learn.

This week the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees conferred the first-ever Excellence in Teaching Awards. In launching the awards program, the Trustees recognized 29 nominees as the best-of-the-best from the thousands of MnSCU faculty members. Included in list of nominees were RCTC’s Teresa Brown and Julie Rodakowski. The Excellence in Teaching Awards is designed to acknowledge and reward exceptional professional accomplishments of individuals and to encourage ongoing excellence in teaching. The awards also demonstrate the Board of Trustees’ commitment to promote and measure high-quality learning programs and services. In launching the Excellence in Teaching Awards, the Trustees honored three faculty members from Rochester Community and Technical College, Century College and Rainy River Community College. Julie Rodakowski, an RCTC English and communications instructor was chosen as an inaugural award recipient. Reviewers noted that Julie formed the Rochester Area Council of Teachers of English to improve cooperation among high school and college teachers and that she was instrumental in forming an honors program and the UCR Comprehensive Learning Center. Julie has brought an international perspective to the college’s curriculum by teaching in global learning programs at Oxford University in England, studying in Tanzania and India, and leading RCTC to introduce Arabic and Chinese as new foreign language courses. Please don’t miss the opportunity to recognize both Julie and Teresa at Wednesday’s (April 25) reception, 10 a.m. – Noon in CF208. Congratulations to both Teresa and Julie on this significant recognition.

The House of Representatives has passed a higher education bill that now must be reconciled with one passed several weeks ago by the Senate. There are, as usual, significant differences in the two bills. House and Senate Leadership are expected to appoint a conference committee soon and these legislators will work out the differences and recommend a single bill that will ultimately be forwarded to the Governor. The Governor has signaled that significant changes in the final bill will need to be made or a veto is likely. Once the conference committee has been appointed, we’ll share the names so that you can help in making the case that a significant increase in higher education funding is a great investment in the long term economic and competitive health of Minnesota.

The campus is a buzz with activities as we celebrate the accomplishments of another exciting academic year. The Student Support Services Program “Shining Star” Reception on Thursday evening highlighted the talents of our students and recognized the significant contributions that our faculty and staff make to the success of these students. I was most impressed with the wide variety of involvements of our students and in the excellent participation of staff. Many thanks to Janell Holter, the entire SSSP team and all employees who had a role to play in assisting our students.

The young people of Southeast Minnesota enjoyed a special treat last week as Jerry Casper and his talented troupe staged a terrific performance of The Adventures of Little Tom Thumb. Kids, teachers and chaperones raved about the show. Jerry and Ben Hain deserve much applause (or a standing ovation) for their extraordinary efforts in making all of RCTC’s productions stellar.

The youth theatre production was followed by Monday evening’s very outstanding performance by Arvel Bird and the One Nation concert. Bob Sanborn, co-Honor Advisor, helped secure an IBM Native American Family Technology Journey grant that brought this nationally renowned band to UCR. A very appreciative audience’s standing ovation coaxed the band into their first-ever encore.

If you didn’t take in this week’s Music in Motion Concert, shame on you! The energy and musical talent of our students was phenomenal. Chuck Blattner’s ability to take these students to new heights of performance in an academic year never ceases to amaze me. What a pleasure it was to see President Emeritus Hill at Wednesday’s performance and watch former music director Willard Johnson, Chuck, Rhonda and a member of the Aires close Thursday night’s program by singing our college anthem. The musical talents of our students are showcased once again next week with the annual dinner concert performances. Our students and athletes love to see faculty and staff in attendance at Student Life events. I encourage you to partake of these wonderful opportunities that don’t occur on all two-year college campuses.

Thought for the Week…

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

~ Henry Ford

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Upcoming activities presented by the UCR Learning Center

Workshops Series (free to all UCR students):

- Power of Test Preparation (Reading)
  Tuesday, April 24, 1:15-1:50  EH 208  Bonnie Mercer

- Power of MLA (Writing)
  Wednesday, April 25, 9:00-9:50  EA 241  Rashmi Roy

- Power of Direct and Indirect Objects (EAP/ESL)
  Wednesday, April 25, 11:00-11:50  MH210  Abby Pinsky

- Power of Resume (Writing)
  Wednesday, April 25, 12:00-1:00  EA 244  Rashmi Roy

- Power of Prepositions (EAP/ESL)
  Thursday, April 26, 10:00-10:50  MH210  Charyssa Cobb

Readings Series (free admission):

- Energy and Us: A Three-Part Session
  Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in CF 202  by Norm Erickson
  Part 3 - April 19

- Shakespeare’s Birthday Party  Monday, April 23, 1:30 p.m., AT 109
  Celebrate William Shakespeare’s birthday with us, and enjoy cupcakes and sonnets! RCTC student Kyla Halverson will read her own work of fiction that asks: Is William Shakespeare who we really think he is? Cupcakes at 1:30 p.m. Reading begins at 2:00 p.m.

- Digital Rhapsody  Monday, April 23, 4:00 p.m., CF 202
  A multimedia presentation by RCTC students-Beth Johnson, Alicia Dodd, Jason Bowe, Jason Frickson, Vladimir Stupar, and Nick Anderson

- Baptized by Bones  Wednesday April 25th, 6:00 p.m., AT 209
  RCTC instructor Doreen Johnson reads from her essay “Bone Baptism,” which is a tribute to mothers, grandmothers, and what we inherit from them.

Thank You

Thank you to everybody who donated books and/or cash for the Judy Lindman Memorial Book Drive. The Book Drive was a HUGE success. Over 1,200 books were donated and $100 in cash donations was received (money will be used to purchase additional books). Also, a special thank you to Jenae McGurren for putting the flyer together and to Computer Services for printing labels for this event. Thank you to everybody who participated!!! Many children will benefit from your generosity.

- Spring 2007 Leadership RCTC Cohort