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FORUM

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Board approves expansion for health campus

Grand Valley's Board of Trustees, during the November 1 meeting at the Detroit Center, approved the purchase of nearly 11 acres northeast of downtown Grand Rapids to expand the university's health campus.

The university already owns four acres of property adjacent to its Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences located at Michigan and Lafayette streets on the Medical Mile. This latest purchase, bordered by Hastings and Trowbridge streets and Clancy and College avenues, provides the university with 18 acres to expand health programs and accommodate the growing demand by both students and employers seeking well-trained health professionals.

"This is transformational for our university, for our region and for the future of health care in Michigan," President Thomas J. Haas said. "This plan is part of our vision and long-term strategy as a key player in health education. We're obligated to anticipate and produce the health care providers our state needs for the future."

The College of Health Professions and the Kirkhof College of Nursing currently offer 12 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including two doctoral programs.

There are currently more applicants than some programs can admit. The university needs more laboratories and classrooms to accommodate additional enrollment and for additional health-related academic programs planned to meet future needs.

"Our health programs are at capacity and we need to make more room for students who want to go into these fields," Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said. "Grand Valley plans to provide additional health-related academic programs as these fast-moving professional areas develop."



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, speaks at a news conference October 31 in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences. She announced an expansion plan for the health campus, which was later approved by the board.

The purchase price will not exceed \$18.9 million for the property. Tuition will not be

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Annual report shows university in top four for retention

Grand Valley's annual Accountability Report shows the university is producing exemplary results in graduation and retention rates, while at the same time holding down tuition and administration costs. The university released the report at its November 1 Board of Trustees meeting.

The state Legislature earlier this year recognized Grand Valley's performance in key areas. It tied a small portion (1.7 percent) of state appropriation to university performance measures, and Grand Valley was rewarded for its performance in graduation rates and the number of degrees awarded in STEM and other critical fields.

The Accountability Report is

divided in six easy-to-read sections, using data from outside sources that show Grand Valley succeeds in its mission and is fiscally responsible and accountable.

Highlights from this year's report include the following.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

The annual Accountability Report shows that Grand Valley ranks in the top four of state public universities for retention.

- Grand Valley ranks in the top four for retention when compared to all other public universities in Michigan, and in the top three for graduation rates.

- Grand Valley's tuition remains in the bottom half of all Michigan public universities, while it receives the lowest state funding per student.

- The economic impact of Grand Valley on Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties is \$722 million.

The full report can be viewed at www.gvsu.edu/accountability.

School Psychology Program approved

The Board of Trustees approved a School Psychology Program at its November 1 meeting.

The School Psychology Program will provide academic preparation leading to a Master of

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Science and a Psychological Specialist Degree in school psychology. The full-time program will include coursework, field-based practicum, a final master's project and a full-time, year-long internship experience. With only five school psychologist training programs in Michigan, Grand Valley can fill an important training gap and cultivate professionals who are well prepared for new roles in education.

In other board action:

- Trustees approved Grand Valley's updated five-year Capital Outlay plan that will be sent to the Office of the State Budget. The required report states that the university's top priority project is a new classroom/office building on the Allendale Campus. This project proposes the construction of a 150,000-square-foot addition to the existing Performing Arts Center to meet classroom and office demand for the communication arts program.
- The Board of Trustees approved a \$7.5 million expansion for the Kleiner Commons dining facility. The project calls for an additional 18,000 square feet for food preparation areas, dining seating areas, food storage areas and a multi-purpose space for faculty and administrative support offices. The project will be funded by University General Funds and proceeds from Aramark. Construction is scheduled to begin in January and be completed in August.
- The board authorized the purchase of real estate from the Grand Rapids District Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Methodist Church for \$136,000. The land is located at 10121 42nd Ave., on the northwest corner of 42nd and Luce, near other Grand Valley properties.
- Trustees approved three new charter schools for authorization by Grand Valley.

Intercultural groups continue for second year

Faculty and staff members who participate or join an Intercultural Communities of Practice group will be entered into a raffle to watch a Laker football game from the President's box.

The popular discussion groups meet monthly, each led by a trained facilitator. The goals behind ICoP, sponsored by the Inclusion and Equity Division, are to encourage dialogue and build cultural understanding between people with different cultural backgrounds.

Sean Huddleston, director of Intercultural Training, said new members are welcome to join. To register, visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar, click on the Inclusion and Equity section.

The names of all ICoP members will be entered into the raffle. The drawing will be held in April for a game next season. Questions can be directed to Huddleston at x13296 or huddless@gvsu.edu.

Fulbright Scholars ranking ties for first place

Grand Valley has tied for first place for the number of Fulbright Scholars for similar-size institutions, according to a list from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Three faculty members from Grand Valley earned Fulbright Scholar awards for 2013-2014. That number ties Grand Valley with nine other master's institutions in the U.S. In last year's ranking, Grand Valley was tied for second place, also with three Fulbright Scholars.

Kurt Ellenberger, associate professor in the Meijer Honors College, earned a Fulbright to conduct research and teach a jazz theory course in Austria at the Kunstuniversität Graz (KUG).



Kurt Ellenberger is pictured with his daughter during a trip to Venice. He is teaching and conducting research in Austria after receiving a Fulbright Scholar award.

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GVFaces

Richard Hiskes Professor of Political Science

Richard Hiskes said when students study human rights it provides a way for them to look at the world from a different perspective.

For many years, Hiskes' passion has involved the relationship between human rights and environmental issues. He is currently working to improve access to clean water.

Originally from Chicago, Hiskes earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hope College in 1973. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Indiana University.

In his current role as professor of political science and Honors, Hiskes teaches specialty and general education human rights courses as well as upper-level political theory courses. He also teaches a human rights seminar as part of the Honors College.

"Human rights is a unique job sector in that it involves making a living while changing the world at the same time," said Hiskes. "It is truly work that you can believe in."

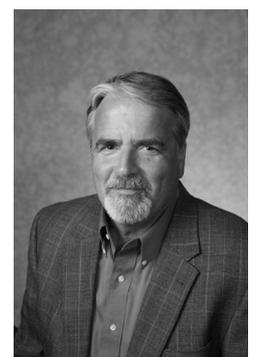
Before coming to Grand Valley, Hiskes taught political theory and human rights at the University of Connecticut for 35 years. He was also responsible for creating a human

rights program there, giving students the opportunity to major or minor in the subject. He said he hopes to bring a similar program to Grand Valley.

"Grand Valley has such a great history of community engagement and there are so many opportunities for students to continue to get involved with organizations that support human rights through their coursework," said Hiskes. "This program would be one more way for the university to stand out."

Aside from teaching, Hiskes has also written many books and articles. His latest book, *The Human Right to a Green Future*, published in 2009 by Cambridge, won an award as the 2010 Best Book in Human Rights Scholarship from the American Political Science Association. Hiskes serves as the president of the Human Rights Section of the APSA.

In his spare time Hiskes enjoys cooking, fishing and sports of all kinds. He also spends time traveling with his wife Anne Hiskes, dean of the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies.



Richard Hiskes

What's Ahead

Exhibit highlights Haitian children, families

A documentary photographic essay of Haitian children and family situations will be exhibited in the Red Wall Gallery in Lake Ontario Hall through December 13.

"Haiti's Children: Hope Amidst the Rubble," was created by Steven L. Smith, associate professor of social work, who spent his 2012 sabbatical time working in Haiti.



Photos of Haitian children and families will be exhibited on the Red Wall Gallery through December 13.

A massive earthquake in January 2010 killed between 46,000-86,000 Haitians, according to recently revised figures.

Hundreds of thousands of people still remain in patchwork tent cities in and around the capital.

Smith spent his sabbatical working in Haiti among some of the many tent cities in Port-au-Prince. He also worked in a private orphanage, and a new school for restavek (indentured servant) children built through the missionary efforts of several U.S. citizens.

The photo essay intersperses stories of tragedy with photographs of these children, exhibiting surprising hope amidst the rubble. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information call the GVSU Art Gallery at x12563 or visit www.gvsu.edu/artgallery.

Passport fair scheduled

The Padnos International Center will host a Passport Fair on Wednesday, November 6, from 1-4 p.m. in Lake Ontario Hall, room 130.

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to apply for a new passport or renew their current one. Allow up to six weeks for passport processing.

For a new passport, participants should bring proof of U.S. citizenship, driver's license or Michigan State ID, and two separate checks for

processing. For renewals, two checks are also required.

Passport photos can be taken during the fair for \$2 cash; bring a Grand Valley ID card.

For more information, contact PIC at x13898.

Native American poet will detail heritage

Award-winning poet, author, performer and musician Joy Harjo will discuss her Native American heritage during a presentation on Wednesday, November 6. Her visit is part of Grand Valley's Native American Heritage Month celebration.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Harjo is a member of the Mvskoke Nation, a tribe founded more than 500 years ago in today's southeastern U.S. She has published seven books of poetry and a memoir, *Crazy Brave*, which details her journey to becoming a poet.

"An Evening with Joy Harjo" is 4-5:30 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. It is free and open to the public. Harjo's visit is sponsored by Grand Valley's Office of Multicultural Affairs and is in conjunction with the Professional of Color Lecture Series.

President to hold virtual office hours

President Thomas J. Haas will hold virtual office hours on Thursday, November 7, from 1:30-3 p.m.

The online discussion allows students, faculty and staff members to ask questions and chat with President Haas. To participate, visit www.gvsu.edu/virtualofficehours.

Women's Commission will host networking reception

The Women's Commission will host its second Women's Mentoring Reception on Thursday, November 7.

The event is designed to help women build connections with one another and foster potential mentorships. It's scheduled from 3:30-5 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium, with a reception following.

Panelists are Michelle Burke, Maria Cimitile, Elaine Collins, Claudia Bajema and Jean Nagelkerk.

RSVP online at www.gvsu.edu/wcommission.

Meetings set to gather input for strategic plan

Meetings, in-person and virtual, are scheduled in mid-November that will kick off the university's strategic planning process.

Julie Guevara, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said these information gathering meetings will help shape Grand Valley's 2016-2020 strategic plan.

Faculty and staff members are invited to stop at a Strategic Positioning Conversation and give input on the university's next phase. Participants can give as much time as their schedules allow; dates, times and locations are listed below.

- Monday, November 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 1142.
- Tuesday, November 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. in DeVos Center, University Club.
- Wednesday, November 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Henry Hall, atrium; Seidman College of Business, room 3001; and Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 123.
- Wednesday, November 13, from 3-7 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 2201.
- Thursday, November 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. in DeVos Center, University Club.

To attend a virtual session, visit www.gvsu.edu/strategicplanning. Sessions will be held November 12 from noon-2 p.m. and November 14 from 6-8 p.m.

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Ellenberger said his Fulbright experience is different from sabbatical research, a time when faculty largely work alone on research. "With the Fulbright, you really become part of a new community, not just academic, but also part of the local community," he said.

The other faculty members who earned Fulbright Scholar awards are Rich Jelier, professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, who will teach and conduct research at Moscow State University in Russia; and Sylvia Mupepi, associate professor of nursing, who is at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, teaching and researching cervical cancer, the No. 1 killer of women there.

Deadline for MLK awards extended

The deadline has been extended to nominate someone for a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. service award presented by Grand Valley State University.

Two awards will be presented during the university's King commemoration week, January 20-25. One award will be given to a GVSU faculty or staff member, another to a community member.

Criteria for both awards are listed online at www.gvsu.edu/mlk, click on "MLK Awards." The deadline to nominate someone is December 1.

Nominations for both awards can be sent via email to inclusion@gvsu.edu. For more information, call the Division of Inclusion and Equity at x13296.

Board OKs campus expansion plan

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raised to pay for it. University leadership has been planning and saving for the expansion of health care programs, and the Campus Development Fund will be used to finance the purchase.

Grand Valley will be conducting long-term planning for the site, envisioning what the health campus will look like in the coming decades. The university will work closely with city leaders and neighbors in that process.

"The university has a history of improving areas in which it has campuses, and takes that obligation seriously," Haas said.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Through Dec. 13

Art Gallery hosts “Haiti’s Children: Hope Amidst the Rubble,” Red Wall Gallery, LOH. Visit www.gvsu.edu/artgallery for hours.

Tues., Nov. 5

4 p.m.: Kindertransport Survivor John Rosen presentation. MIPL.

8 p.m.: 2014 Benefits Open Enrollment Open Labs. 117 HRY. Call x12215 for more information.

8 p.m.: Guest Artist Recital: Michael Carrera, cello, Peter Takacs, piano. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Wed., Nov. 6

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: SASC hosts Majors Fair. 2250 KC. Call x13588 for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: Akropolis Reed Quintet. CDC. Call x13484 for information.

1-4 p.m.: Padnos International Center hosts Passport Fair. 130 LOH. Call x13898 for more information.

4 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series: An Evening with Joy Harjo. CDC. Call x12177 for more information.

Thurs., Nov. 7

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. 107C DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: Women’s Commission General Meeting. 1249 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Happiness Club. 1142 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

1:30-3 p.m.: President Haas Virtual Office Hours. Visit www.gvsu.edu/virtualoffice-hours to participate.

3:30 p.m.: Women’s Commission hosts Mentoring Reception. 105E DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission to register.

4 p.m.: Native American Heritage Month Event: “Indian Schools: The Survivor’s Story.” CDC. Call x12177 for more information.

4 p.m.: Area Studies hosts Gershon Gorenberg presentation. 2215/2216 KC. Call x18110 for more information.

8 p.m.: Violin Studio Duet Recital. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Fri., Nov. 8

3:30 p.m.: Evolution for Everyone hosts “Evolution and the Psychology of Terrorism,” by Brian Bowdle and Brian Kingshott. 308 PAD. Call x12195 for more information.

8 p.m.: New Music Ensemble Fall Concert. 1600 PAC. Call x13484 for information.

Sat., Nov. 9

9 a.m.: PACES Workshop: “Applying Effective Mentoring Principles,” by Henry Campa III. University Club, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/paces/register to register.

Sports

Tues., Nov. 5

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Ferris State University.

Fri., Nov. 8

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Saginaw Valley State University.

Sat., Nov. 9

4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Lake Superior State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

David Alvarez, associate professor of English, served as co-editor for a special issue of *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly*. He wrote two articles for that issue, “Representing Baleful Specters and Uncanny Repetitions: Life Writing and Imperialism’s Afterlives” and “Recording Daily Life in the Margins of History and of the Nation: Rachid Nini’s Diary of a Clandestine Migrant.” He also gave a presentation, “Formations and Deformations of “Race,” Region, and Nation in Moroccan Literature of Clandestine Migration,” at the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Donald Mitchell Jr., assistant professor of education, wrote an article, “A 20-Year History of Black Greek-Letter Research and Scholarship,” published in the *Center for the Study of the College Fraternity*.

Yosay Wangdi, associate professor of history, gave a presentation, “The Buddha’s

Awakening,” for Muskegon Community College’s international program.

Ranelle Brew, assistant professor of public health, gave a presentation, “Collegiate Service Learning Trip through SHAWCO Health: A Partnership between Grand Valley State University and South Africa,” at the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference in Bay City.

Matthew Roberts, instructional designer for Information Technology, gave presentations, “Instructional Gymnastics 101: What I Learned from My Year in a Flipped Classroom” and “No More Eyesores: A Case Study in Multimedia Makeovers,” at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching in Traverse City.

Bradley S. Ambrose, professor of physics, gave a presentation, “Using Research to Investigate and Enhance Learning in Upper-Division Mechanics,” at a Physics Education Research seminar at Purdue University.

Jeffrey A. Potteiger, dean of Graduate Studies and professor of movement science, received

the ACSM Honor Award for Outstanding Service to the Central States Chapter of the American College of Sport Medicine.

Martina Reinhold, assistant professor of physician assistant studies, gave a presentation, “Use of Response Technology (Clickers) to Increase Student Participation and Learning,” at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning in Traverse City.

Nathan Kemler, collections manager for the Art Gallery, chaired a session, “Collections, Education, and Community: A Case Study for Creating a Museum Studies Degree,” with faculty and staff members from Ferris State University at the Michigan Museums Association Annual Conference.

Heather Van Wormer, associate professor of anthropology, gave a presentation, “The Balance of Anarchy and Structure: Wilderland,” at the annual meeting of the Communal Studies Association in Pennsylvania.