



# MACRAO Newsletter

*Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers*

## Letter from the President



As your President for 2006-2007, I look forward to an exciting year! Even though the annual MACRAD conference in one sense marks the end of our yearly activities, I like to think of it as the big kick-off for the upcoming year. The evaluations from the November conference were excellent—it seems you all liked the location and activities as well as some of the changes we made to the program. Thanks again to the wonderful Local Arrangements committee for all the hard work you put into the conference. We will certainly consider returning to this location sometime in the near future!

We have an exciting new year of activities planned. The committees are hard at work planning sessions for the 2007 conference in Grand Rapids. All of you, as MACRAD members, can also propose session topics for the conference by contacting this year's chair, Presi-

dent Elect Howard Shanken (hshanken@grcc.edu). The committees are also busy planning their yearly workshops—watch for dates on the MACRAD website and in upcoming e-mail communication.

MACRAD is committed to responding to the needs of our membership. By early summer, you will receive an e-mail survey asking for your input on creating new committees, issues we should examine, ways to keep the organization vibrant, and other topics. We hope you will give us your opinion on the directions you want us to take. At the suggestion of our members, the Executive committee will also review the organization's by-laws this year.

The ad-hoc MACRAD Transfer Equivalency Navigation System (M-TENS) committee continues to move forward with the Michigan Transfer Network, in response to the Cherry Commission's 2004 recommendation. A pilot program will be ready this spring and, if successful, a full launch should occur later in the year. This project will make it much easier for students to find out how their credits will transfer to 4-year schools in the state, all via one website. A committee of MACRAD members will continue to oversee

this project for three years, evaluating the service, its usage, and member input.

MACRAD is truly an organization to be proud of! I am happy to relay the positive feedback from AACRAD leadership about the quality and scope of our activities—we really are one of the top state or regional groups in the country. Your involvement is key and I hope you will consider the ways in which you can serve—join a committee, participate in a task force, suggest an idea or an issue to tackle, communicate with your colleagues! As a volunteer organization we depend on all of you to keep us going and it is honestly a privilege to work with each and every one of you. Keep up the good work!

Paula Dykstra

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Join us for a “Grand” experience

The Local Arrangements committee invites you to Grand Rapids on November 7- 9, 2007 when the MACRAO annual conference gears up for "A Grand Experience!" Join us at the Amway Grand Hotel in the heart of the city, where recent urban development has turned the night life into the "place to be." Many exciting sessions are already planned, but there's still time to submit a session proposal of your own. If you have a hot topic in mind that we would all benefit from, please email vice president Howard Shanken at [hshanken@grcc.edu](mailto:hshanken@grcc.edu).

## Grant will send two members to annual conference

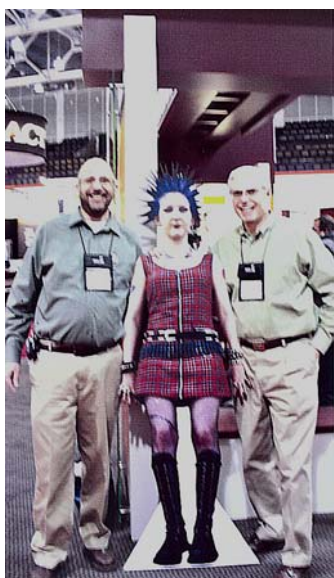
MACRAO recognizes that the budgetary constraints on Michigan institutions of higher education may make it difficult for employees to participate in professional development activities. Therefore, the Professional Development committee is proud to announce the fourth annual MACRAO Professional Development Grant.

This year MACRAO will award two \$250 grants to help cover travel expenses for the annual conference in November 2007. The grants will assist two MACRAO members who would not otherwise have the funding to attend. The Professional Development Committee will review applications and award the grants. The application is available on the MACRAO web site at [www.macrao.org](http://www.macrao.org).

## Great Lakes in '08

It's never too early to mark your calendars for the Great Lakes conference in 2008. Next year, on November 12-14, Michigan joins with Indiana and Ohio for an amazing conference experience. Great Lakes 2008 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, MI, allowing MACRAO members to network with Michigan friends and meet new colleagues spanning three states.

*Meet colleagues from three states: Michigan, Indiana and Ohio!*



## AACRAO Annual Meeting: Boston

Many MACRAO members attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts from February 28-March 3. Attendees enjoyed informative sessions facilitated by national experts, met registrar and admissions colleagues from across the country, and enjoyed unseasonably warm weather for exploring the sights of Boston. On Friday night, the Michigan contingent met for a delicious meal to relax and network at Legal Sea Foods in the Prudential building. The next AACRAO conference is planned for March 24-27, 2008 in Orlando, FL.

*During the conference, Past President Paul Schmidt and Vice President Howard Shanken made important business contacts at a vendor booth (left).*

## New Professionals Workshop

The Secondary School Relations committee invites new admissions staff to the New Professionals Workshop. The event will be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on September 6-7, 2007. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting profession, and providing travel tips, help with time management, and a great opportunity to network with new colleagues! Watch [www.macrao.org](http://www.macrao.org) for registration details.

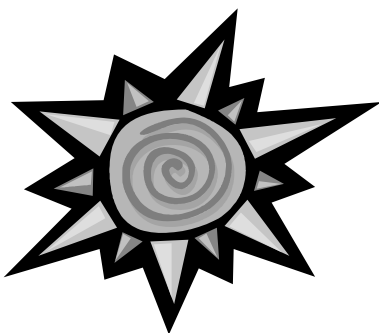
*“This workshop is a great opportunity for new admissions professionals heading out to recruit in fall 2007!”*

*-Kristin McGowan, SSRC Chair*

## Registrar’s Drive-in Workshop

On Friday, March 30, the Registrar’s Drive-In Workshop was held at Walsh College’s Novi Campus. The new workshop format included six 15-minute presentations on special topics. Three morning sessions were followed by an open roundtable question and answer exchange. After lunch, the committee offered three additional sessions in the afternoon with another open roundtable exchange. During the afternoon, session topics submitted by others were also discussed. Some of the topics included strategies for dealing with helicopter parents, characteristics of the “gamers” generation, and tuition insurance. Stay tuned to the Web site for next year’s workshop date and location!

## Summer Summit



On June 14-15, the third annual Summer Summit heads for Houghton Lake. Join the Articulation committee as we explore issues important to all of us involved with transfer and articulation. The conference will once again be held at the Comfort Suites—a location enthusiastically endorsed by last year’s Summit participants. More information will be available this spring, so watch your email and the MACRAD Web site for more information.

## Champions Needed

The MACRAD Web site ([www.macrao.org](http://www.macrao.org)) has two interactive reports that have fallen out of date. The Applications Received & Admissions Granted report and the Tuition & Fees report both need champions to encourage member participation.

The duty of a champion is simple: at appropriate times during the year the champion contacts individuals at each Michigan college and encourages them to update their institutional data. Since the reports on the MACRAD Web site are interactive, champions do not handle any data. Champions simply remind institutions that it is time to update, and provide the necessary instructions. If you are interested in either of these roles, or if you have an idea for a new report that you would like to champion, please contact MACRAD Webmaster Mark Ulseth at [mulseth@hfcc.edu](mailto:mulseth@hfcc.edu).

## Support Staff Workshop

Mark your calendars for the this year's Support Staff Workshop, which will be held on June 15 at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, located in Farmington Hills. This year, the theme is "Tackle the Challenge, Together!"—and we'll explore team building through a series of workshops. A special thanks to Oakland Community College for the use of their facilities.

The registration fee will be \$50 per person. Please watch your email and check the MACRAO Web site for information on how to register for the workshop. Nomination forms for the 2007 Outstanding Support Staff will also be available on the Web site, so remember to recognize your support staff by nominating them for this award.



*Keep your support staff  
well-nourished professionally*

## Outstanding Support Staff Award

Take a moment this year to recognize your support staff by nominating them for the 2007 Outstanding Support Staff award. Share with the state why your staff is so special!

Nominating your staff is easy—just tell us about their accomplishments over the past year, from the day-to-day activities to the times when they go above and beyond their regular duties. **The deadline for nominations is May 4**, and forms will be available online by April 2.

Please send your nominations or questions to: Jeff Nardecchia, University of Detroit Mercy, Office of the Registrar, 4001 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221 or email [nardecj@udmercy.edu](mailto:nardecj@udmercy.edu).

## Cruise [www.macrao.org](http://www.macrao.org) today

- An updated version of the Michigan Uniform Guest Application is now available on the MACRAO Web site. Please begin using this form with your guest students!
- Are your newest employees added to the online membership directory? Is your position information, and that of your colleagues, accurate? If not, contact your institutional directory editor for assistance.
- Sign up for the MACRAO-L listserv to receive timely announcements and share your expertise with colleagues across the state.
- **COMING SOON:** Summer e-newsletter posted directly to the Web site, with updates and information as we gear up for the fall semester!

## Michigan Transfer Network

### Contract Finalized

On February 1, 2007, MACRAO President Paula Dykstra signed a contract with Michigan State University to create the Michigan Transfer Network (MTN). The MTN is MACRAO's answer to the Cherry Commission's charge for the creation of a "transfer wizard" to help increase degree completion statewide. This online resource will be available to all MACRAO member institutions to post their transfer-in course equivalences. Students will use the web site as a central source of information about transfer between Michigan colleges.

In May 2005, the MACRAO Executive Committee moved "on behalf of the MACRAO membership and to benefit all Michigan college and university students...(to create) the ad-hoc committee for the MACRAO Transfer Equivalency Navigation System (M-TENS) and charges them with start-up, development, creation, and implementation" of M-TENS. Over the next year and a half, the M-TENS committee developed the specifications for this system, now known as the Michigan Transfer Network (MTN). Numerous meetings, several presentations at MACRAO events, and a tremendous team effort by the committee led to an economically feasible plan with Michigan State University to create and host the MTN.

### A Tentative Timeline

- January to February 2007: Web site and database development
- February to March 2007: Alpha schools (Calvin, Macomb, Michigan State University, Oakland University) data load
- April to June 2007: Beta schools (TBD) data load
- July 2007: Open to all MACRAO member institutions for data loading
- August 2007: Web site live for students

Throughout implementation, the ad-hoc committee plans to educate our colleagues on the MTN by attending as many professional meetings across the state as possible. In addition, the ad-hoc committee hopes to attend, or host, workshops where MACRAO members can learn more about participation and the technical aspects of the MTN.

For a primer, data loading will be possible via a few popular file formats or manually. The details are currently being developed.

Both the M-TENS web site ([www.m-tens.org](http://www.m-tens.org)) and the MTN web site ([www.MichiganTransferNetwork.org](http://www.MichiganTransferNetwork.org)) will include technical information about participation. Please note, at press time the MTN web site was not yet operational. The ad-hoc M-TENS committee welcomes questions and comments.

### MTN Committee

Mark Ulseth, Chair  
Webmaster  
Henry Ford Community College,  
Director of Admissions and Registration

Jan Munday  
Articulation Committee 04-05, Chair 03-04  
Schoolcraft College, Counseling Information  
Specialist / Transfer Coordinator

Diane Praet  
Past President 05-06  
University of Detroit Mercy,  
University Registrar

Paul Robinson  
Data & Technology Committee 03-04  
University of Michigan Ann Arbor,  
University Registrar

Vickie Scavone  
Directory Editor  
Walsh College, Assistant Vice President for  
Enrollment and Student Services

Paul Schmidt  
Past President 97-98  
Monroe County Community College,  
Registrar

Alex Torres  
Articulation Committee Co-Chair 04-05  
Michigan State University,  
Senior Admissions Counselor

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## Serve the Organization—Join a Committee

MACRAO committees are critical to the success of the organization. A big thank you goes out to all the committee chairs, co-chairs and members serving in 2006-2007. They not only plan sessions for the annual conference, but organize critical events like the Articulation Workshop, college fairs, the New Professionals Workshop, the Summer Summit, the Registrar's Drive-in and the Support Staff Workshop. Please check out the committee membership list on page 7, or the MACRAO website for the most current information.

You may be asking yourself, how can I get involved? It's not too late. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Karen Hutslar by e-mail at [hutsl1ke@cmich.edu](mailto:hutsl1ke@cmich.edu) or by phone at (989) 774-7226.

Serving on a committee not only helps MACRAO, but is a wonderful professional development experience for each of you. It is also a great way to network with your colleagues around the state.

### Standing Committees

- Articulation
- Admission Practices/Enrollment Management
- College Day/Night
- Data and Technology
- Equal Education Opportunity
- Professional Development
- Registrars Practices
- Secondary School Relations

## Graduate and Professional Studies Committee

The Graduate & Professional Studies committee is currently inactive. If you feel this is an important committee to your position and to MACRAO, and would like to serve, please contact Karen Hutslar.

It has been suggested that this committee could possibly look at issues pertaining to international or non-traditional students; credit/non-credit programs; unemployed/displaced workers; and graduate certificate program students.

If these are areas you are interested in, please let us know because we may have a place for you on this committee.

## Legislative Update Committee

A new ad-hoc committee, the Legislative Update committee, has been formed to address legislative issues. We all know that legislative action can have a major impact on our positions. This committee will help keep us all adequately informed about these issues.

The chair of the Legislative Update committee is Carol Quigley from Ferris State University. Carol is currently the Midwest liaison to AACRAO for Legislative Affairs and has great expertise in this area. Please let her know if you are interested in serving via email at [carol\\_quigley@ferris.edu](mailto:carol_quigley@ferris.edu).



# Committee Membership List

## Admission Practices/Enrollment Management

*Sally Janeczek, Chair, Marygrove College, (2007)*

Tom Bell, West Shore CC (2007)

Donna Franklin, Cleary Univ (2007)

Gwen Thomas, Western Mich Univ (2007)

Annette Black, Wayne State Univ (2008)

Beth Gierada, Lawrence Tech Univ (2008)

Amy Becher, Concordia Univ (2009)

W. Anne McKee, Eastern Mich Univ (2009)

Jennifer Pahl, Saginaw Valley State Univ (2009)

Kathryn Stafford, Washtenaw CC (2009)

## College Day/Night

*Shari Chamberlain, Chair, Ferris State (2007)*

*Lacy Gajczynski, Co-Chair, Central Mich Univ (2007)*

LaJoyce Brown, Wayne State Univ (2007)

Nikole Ford, Henry Ford CC (2007)

Janet Kossick, U of M - Dearborn (2007)

Nicole Stojov, Lawrence Tech Univ (2007)

Talia Kibben, Davenport Univ (2008)

Robert Spann, Oakland CC (2008)

Carol Woodruff, Lansing CC (2008)

Sarah Baker Korth, Siena Heights Univ (2009)

Elise Blacklaw, Ferris State Univ (2009)

Scot Conant, Western Mich Univ (2009)

Katie Laier, Mid-Michigan CC (2009)

Alexander Torres, Michigan State Univ (2009)

## Equal Education Opportunity

*Sara Hill, Chair, Grand Rapids CC (2008)*

*Finnonia Hall, Co-Chair, Delta College (2008)*

Theresa Carson, UD Mercy (2007)

Anita Covington, Marygrove College (2008)

Heather DeCourval, Jackson CC (2008)

Merrideth Okonkwo, Oakland Univ (2008)

Sabrina Velasquez, Saginaw Valley State Univ (2008)

Earlene Williams, Wayne County CC (2008)

William Daniels, Western Mich Univ (2009)

Floresio Hernandez, Michigan State Univ (2009)

Mark Payne, Mott CC (2009)

Will Sampson, Wayne County CC (2009)

Luzia Leme Tartari, Ferris State Univ (2009)

Iris Shen-Van Buren, Michigan State Univ (2009)

Kelli Van Buren, Oakland CC (2009)

## Local Arrangements 2007

*Howard Shanken, Chair, Grand Rapids CC*

Jeffrey Hartman, Grand Rapids CC

Karen Hutslar, Central Mich Univ (ex-officio)

Kendra Johns, Davenport University

Bhavani Koneree, Wayne State Univ

Stephen Linden, Oakland CC

Angie Mishler, Ferris State Univ

Carol Natte, Grand Rapids CC

Kathleen Owens, Grand Rapids CC

Diane Patrick, Grand Rapids CC

Christina Shell, Eastern Mich Univ

Tom Stenwyk, Calvin College

William Widmaier, Grand Valley State Univ

Diane Vandenberg, Kalamazoo Valley CC

## Articulation

*Kathleen Wray, Chair, Kirtland CC (2007)*

*Natala T.J Mohl, Co-Chair, Kellogg CC (2008)*

Stuart Baker, Schoolcraft College (2007)

Kathleen Owens, Grand Rapids CC (2007)

Carol Quigley, Ferris State Univ (2007)

Stephanie Holland, Davenport Univ (2008)

Tore Skogseth, Alma College (2008)

Ceil Wazny, Delta College (2008)

Susan Cushnier, U of M - Dearborn (2009)

Christopher Marx, Davenport Univ (2009)

Jan Munday, Schoolcraft College (2009)

Sylvia Stancil, Wayne State Univ (2009)

## Data & Technology

*Kristin Schuette, Chair, Michigan State Univ (2007)*

*Gayle Reynolds, Co-Chair, Wayne State Univ (2008)*

Lisa Masi, Henry Ford CC (2007)

Noreen (Naeyaert) Ferguson, Lawrence Tech Univ (2008)

Dina DuBuis, Madonna Univ (2009)

Kurt Kruschinska, Wayne State (2009)

Katrina Williams, U of M - Ann Arbor (2009)

## Legislative Update

*Carol Quigley, Chair, Ferris State Univ (2007)*

Tom Hoiles, Lake Michigan College (2007)

Mike Thompson, Mott CC (2007)

## Professional Development

*Debbie Harju, Chair, U of M - Ann Arbor (2007)*

*Heather Pelgus, Co-Chair, Wayne State Univ (2008)*

Jeff Nardecchia, UD Mercy (2007)

Ramona Milligan, Eastern Mich Univ (2008)

Donna Dunford, Davenport Univ (2009)

Mark Jacek, Wayne State Univ (2009)

Katherine Lichtenberg, Oakland CC (2009)

Darrien Rice, Oakland Univ (2009)

Charlotte M. Tetsworth, Ferris State Univ (2009)

## Registrars Practices

*Troy Baquette, Chair, Mott CC (2008)*

*Darlynn Wells, Co-Chair, U of M - Ann Arbor (2007)*

Tammy Grossbauer, Lansing CC (2007)

Karen Sadanowicz, Lawrence Tech Univ (2007)

Gwen Hersha, Spring Arbor Univ (2008)

Rose Klee, Jackson CC (2008)

Bhavani Koneru, Wayne State Univ (2008)

Barbara McKinney, Western Mich Univ (2008)

Patti Mousseau, U of M - Ann Arbor (2008)

Kara Fields, Walsh College (2009)

Robert Martin, Baker College - Flint (2009)

## Secondary School Relations

*Kristin McGowan, Chair, Oakland Univ (2008)*

*Anne Monroe, Co-Chair, Northwestern MI Coll (2008)*

Craig Aimar, Saginaw Valley State Univ (2009)

Maria Knirk, Ferris State University (2009)

Meghan Kelly, Oakland Univ (2009)

Krista St. Aubin, Saginaw Valley State Univ (2009)



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| <b>June 14-15</b>    | <b>Summer Summit (Houghton Lake, MI)</b>              |
| <b>June 15</b>       | <b>Support Staff Workshop (Farmington Hills, MI)</b>  |
| <b>September 6-7</b> | <b>New Professional's Workshop (East Lansing, MI)</b> |
| <b>November 7-9</b>  | <b>MACRAO Annual Conference (Grand Rapids, MI)</b>    |



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