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Letter from the President



Welcome to the first official MACRAO e-newsletter! The Executive Committee is excited about this new addition to our communications with you, our members, and we hope you like it – please send me an e-mail at paula.dykstra@emich.edu and share your reactions. Our intention is to send the e-newsletter twice yearly, in between our regular newsletters, and move gradually toward more e-mail and less “snail mail” in the future.

If you know of someone at your institution who should be on our mailing list but isn't, ask your institutional directory editor to add them to the listing on the MACRAO Web site, www.macrao.org. You can find out who your directory editor is by choosing the “members services” link from the home page, and then clicking on “editors” under MACRAO directory at the left side of the page.

We hope you enjoy hearing from us more often. Best wishes for a successful summer and a smooth fall opening!

Paula Dykstra
MACRAO President

Start Thinking Fall



The Local Arrangements committee continues to prepare for “A Grand Experience” this fall! The MACRAO 2007 annual conference will be held November 7-9 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Registration will open in late August. Something really big, really “grand” is going to be announced. Watch for details later this summer!

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Special points of interest:

- The latest info on MTN
- Ad-hoc committee to keep you informed
- Travel grant for fall conference
- Summer committee updates

Professional Development Grant

MACRAO is pleased to offer the fourth annual professional development travel grant. This grant was established as a means of returning assets to the membership and will support travel to the annual conference in November 2007.

Two grants, worth a maximum of \$250 each, will be awarded to active members for expenses incurred during participation in the conference. Special consideration is given to applicants who are first-time attendees or members of institutions whose funds are especially limited.

The deadline for applications is September 14, 2007. Please visit the MACRAO Web site for the application form. Contact Debbie Harju at dlharju@umich.edu with questions.

Remember to apply for the Professional Development Grant by September 14!

New Professionals Workshop

The Secondary Schools Relations committee would like to remind new admissions recruitment staff that the annual New Professionals Workshop is just around the corner! The event will be held in East Lansing on September 6 and 7, 2007. If you are new to the admissions profession this workshop will prepare you for the excitement ahead as you embark on your new career. The workshop will provide useful sessions on high school visits, college fairs, fall travel tips, and many more professional development opportunities!

You may register online at www.macrao.org. The \$120 registration fee includes all meals and conference materials. Should you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Craig Aimar at ctaimar@svsu.edu. If you have questions regarding the New Professionals Workshop, contact Ann Monroe at amonroe@message.nmc.edu. We look forward to a great workshop this year, and hope to see you in September!

Summer is in full swing—but as you prepare for the fall, check out www.macrao.org as a great resource for recruitment planning. The college fair schedule is now available from the College Day/Night committee with the dates and times of all MACRAO sanctioned events!



Michigan Transfer Network Update

The Michigan Transfer Network (MTN) has moved into Beta! The MACRAO servers at Michigan State University are up and running and the Beta institutions are busy learning how to upload transfer-in equivalencies. As of June 25, 2007, 139,000 course equivalencies have been loaded.

Alpha Institutions...

Alma College, Sue Deel (deel@alma.edu)
 Henry Ford Community College, Mark Ulseth (mulseth@hfcc.edu)
 Macomb Community College, Ron Hughes (hughesr@macomb.edu)
 Michigan State University, Kris Schuette (schuett1@msu.edu)
 Monroe County Community College, Paul Schmidt (pschmidt@monroeccc.edu)
 Oakland University, Jennifer Gilroy (gilroy@oakland.edu)
 Wayne State University, Kurt Kruschinska (ac5753@wayne.edu)

Beta Institutions...

Adrian College, Micheal Jacobitz (mjacobitz@adrian.edu)
 Center for Creative Studies, Nadine Hagoort (nhagoort@ccscad.edu)
 Central Michigan University, Eric Bellmore (bellm1en@cmich.edu)
 Concordia University, Tim Taylor (taylot@cuaa.edu)
 Davenport University, Chris Marx (chris.marx@davenport.edu)
 Delta College, Duff Zube (dlzube@delta.edu)
 Grand Rapids Community College, Howard Shanken (hshanken@grcc.edu)
 Kellogg Community College, Sedgwick Harris (harriss@kellogg.edu)
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 Northern Michigan University, Bill Laffey (wlaaffey@nmu.edu)
 Siena Heights University, Brenda Doremus (bdoremus@sienaheights.edu)
 Spring Arbor University, Gwen Hersha (ghersha@arbor.edu)
 St. Clair County Community College, Pete Lacey (placey@sc4.edu)
 UM Dearborn, Christopher Tremblay (cwtrem@umd.umich.edu)
 UM Flint, Jay Gandhi (jgandhi@umflint.edu)
 West Shore Community College, Victoria Oddo (vjoddo@westshore.edu)

Note: The MTN is still accepting Beta volunteers. If you want to get on board please contact one of the Co-coordinators: Paul Schmidt at pschmidt@monroeccc.edu, or Mark Ulseth at mulseth@hfcc.edu .

The MTN (formerly known as M-TENS) ad-hoc committee is busy getting the word out about the MTN. The committee has already presented at: MACRAO Registrar's Drive-in, BUGMi (Michigan SCT Banner user group) MCCA (Michigan community college presidents), MUG (Michigan Datatel Colleague user group), MACRAO Summer Articulation (Summer Summit III), President's Council (four-year public presidents, talking points paper). The committee hopes to get on the agenda of many other professional organizations that would benefit from the MTN.

In addition, email updates on the MTN will be sent to MACRAO institutional and registrar contacts as needed. Finally, the Local Arrangements committee for the annual conference in Grand Rapids this November is planning an MTN announcement.

Special thanks to MACRAO, the MACRAO Executive Committee, the ad-hoc MTN committee, Alpha and Beta institutions is in order, and an extra special thank you to Michigan State University for all their support.

Committee in Transition

The Graduate and Professional Schools standing committee is undergoing a transition, and the Executive committee needs to know if there is any interest in reviving this inactive group. In its last configuration, the committee was also charged with covering international student issues.

- Is there a sufficient number of MACRAO

members whose work and interests cover these areas?

- If so, should the scope/mission of the committee be revisited?

- Should the committee re-focus on other populations which might include graduate and professional students, such as "non-traditional" or "adult" students?

- Is there enough interest

in international student issues to keep this population in this committee's mission, or should it be a separate committee, or dropped entirely?

Your input on this issue is important – it will help us decide how to proceed with this committee.

Please e-mail your comments to Paula Dykstra at pdykstra@emich.edu, or call (734) 487-3077.

The fall conference is your best opportunity get connected with a committee!

Learn More About Committee Membership

What's the best way to become really involved in MACRAO and at the same time meet wonderful colleagues from other institutions? Join a committee! Please consider joining one in the fall.

If interested, you can nominate yourself by completing the Committee Nomination form, available on the MACRAO website [at www.macrao.org/CommitteeMembership/Committees.asp](http://www.macrao.org/CommitteeMembership/Committees.asp).

At the fall conference, you will have an opportunity to learn more about committees by attending a special session with all the current committee members. You can come and meet with the current membership of the committee you are interested in, and find out more! Come and see what all the fun is about on Thursday, November 8, from 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

MCCR Meeting in Escanaba



On June 28 and 29, the Michigan Community College Registrars met at Bay College in Escanaba. They came by boat (SS Badger), car, and motorcycle to reflect on the issues facing community college registrars. Along the way they managed to squeeze in some fun, as many brought family and friends along for an extended vacation.

(Left to Right) Back Row: Maurice McCall, Pete Lacey. Middle Row: Mary Leisner, Denise Newman, Kay Keck, Howard Shanken, Duff Zube, Troy Boquette. Front Row: Carol Taberski, Luann Beilfuss, Denise Edwards, Tammy Grossbauer, Tom Hoiles, Chris Engle.

Legislative Update Ad Hoc Committee

The Legislative Update ad hoc committee looks forward to serving the MACRAO membership as an informational body that educates and generates awareness among MACRAO members on state and national legislative issues in higher education.

This team will be working on producing an electronic newsletter twice a year and developing a Legislative Update Web

site to keep you informed. We are looking to expand committee membership to better represent the issues and interests of the MACRAO membership, so if you have an interest in policy and legislative issues, or would like to learn through participation, we invite you to join us in serving MACRAO's newest committee. To learn more about becoming a committee member, please contact committee

chair Carol Quigley at (231) 591-2310 or quigleyc@ferris.edu.

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Committee Members...

Carol Quigley, Committee Chair, Ferris State University

Tom Hoiles, Registrar, Lake Michigan College

Kathleen Powers, Recruitment Manager, Henry Ford Community College

Emily Clement, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Delta College

Steve Shablin, Registrar, Oakland University

Browse the AACRAO Government Relations Web site to stay informed about laws affecting higher education:

www.aacrao.org

Community Colleges Address Nursing Shortage

In response to the Michigan Legislature's charge, the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) submitted a report that discusses, evaluates, and makes recommendations concerning the expansion of nursing programs at Michigan community colleges.

To view the report, visit the MCCA Website at www.mcca.org and click on "Nursing Task Force Report."

Michigan Public Universities Form Coalition

Nine of Michigan's fifteen public universities have formed a coalition, the Education Alliance for Michigan (TEAM), to oppose a proposal that Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University be funded separately by the state of Michigan. The coalition is concerned with how much funding will go to specific universities and argues that a division in funding appropriations will lead to inequities in the future. TEAM will lobby state lawmakers to continue to fund Michigan's fifteen public universities in a single allotment.

Members of TEAM include Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Tech University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, and Western Michigan University.

Think Big: National Legislative Issues

Community College Partnership Act of 2007

Bills have been introduced to amend Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 with new Chapter 4, "Community College Opportunity," for the purpose of encouraging partnerships between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities. Bills propose annual grant awards of \$50,000,000 for 2008 and for such sums necessary for the four succeeding fiscal years; they are currently under consideration by the House Education committee.

To learn more or check the status of these bills, go to:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.596.IH:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.596.IH)

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.717.IH:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.717.IH)

Financial Aid Accountability and Transparency Act of 2007

This bill was introduced in the House and referred to the House Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. It would provide more transparency in the financial aid process and ensure that students are receiving the best information about financial aid opportunities. Learn more at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.01994>

College Textbook Affordability Act of 2007

The bill seeks to promote "better and more timely access to affordable course materials" by requiring publishers to include textbook pricing information in any communication with faculty. The bill would also require the publisher to make note of the book's revision history and whether it is available in different formats such as paperback. In cases where textbooks are bundled together with supplemental materials, the publisher will also have to offer the textbook and the supplemental materials as "separate and unbundled items."

The bill would require institutions of higher education to include up-to-date information about the books required for each course, including the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and retail price, in course schedules.

Finally, the legislation would require that institutions of higher education provide course schedules, textbook requirements along with the ISBN for any texts, and actual and maximum enrollment data for every course to qualified sellers of textbooks. The legislation, if adopted, would clearly have significant consequences for registrars, faculty, and campus bookstores. To view the proposed legislation, visit: http://www.aacrao.org/reporting/textbook_bill.pdf

Watch upcoming newsletters and www.macrao.org for more news from the Legislative Update committee.

REMINDER: Submit your articles for the fall 2007 newsletter by September 1, 2007!