Join us on the HUB lawn on Wednesday, April 22nd from 11 AM to 4 PM for the College of Agricultural Sciences’ Ag Day: Harvest to Household. Help us celebrate the goals and accomplishments of the College, its students and the agricultural field as we follow the production of Creamery ice cream and the many fields that play a role in its making. The event is a joint effort between the Ag Advocate organization and Ag Student Council.

Ag Day will be placed along the southern edge of the HUB lawn to increase visibility and take advantage of the often busy area. The areas will be sectioned according to related areas of interest. Each area will then present a display on their role and contribution in the production of ice cream. In addition, student clubs will be present, as well as other fun activity areas.

For more information, please contact co-chairs Christine Olarte (cmo5016@psu.edu) or Hilary Peterson (hap5007@psu.edu).

Rain date: Wednesday, April 29th
Adviser Assessment
Would you like to know how effective you are as an adviser? Terry Musser is developing an adviser self-assessment instrument that any adviser could use to gauge his/her effectiveness after meeting with a student. If you would like to give the form a try, just email Terry (txm4@psu.edu) to receive an electronic copy.

Scheduling Courses
The Schedule of Courses is constantly being updated by a team in the Registrar’s office. Check out the new and improved version at http://schedule.psu.edu so you can help your advisees navigate the newer features. Tips for using the Schedule of Courses can be found at http://live.psu.edu/tag/schedule_of_courses.

“Enhancing Student Success” - A Quality Advocates Presentation
The next Quality Advocates is “Enhancing Student Success” on Monday, April 6, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., in 508 Rider. The panelists are: Yvonne Gaudelius, Assistant Vice President and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Chair, University Strategic Planning Council Task Force on Ensuring Student Success; W. Terrell Jones, Vice Provost for Educational Equity; and Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Enhancing student success is at the core of the University’s mission and is a goal in the upcoming university strategic plan. Strategies for enhancing student success can include strengthening advising, expanding assessment of teaching and learning, and improving key student transitions. Panelists will define student success, identify challenges and opportunities, and discuss processes, programs, and services that will help students succeed.

For more information about upcoming Quality Advocates, visit http://www.psu.edu/president/pia/advocates/index.htm.
The 2009 Undergraduate Exhibition, will be held Wednesday, April 8th, at the HUB-Roberson Center and Esber Recital Hall, University Park. Penn State’s annual Undergraduate Exhibition communicates and celebrates the participation of undergraduate students from across the University in research and creative endeavors. The exhibition is open to the public and allows student to showcase their work to a general audience. Questions may be directed to Mary Beth Crowe, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education, at mbc5@psu.edu or 814-863-1864. Please visit http://www.undergradresearch.psu.edu/exhibition/index.cfm for more details.

Harbaugh Faculty Scholars Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

The purpose of the endowed Harbaugh Faculty Scholars Program Award for Excellence in Teaching & Learning is to inspire innovative teaching and learning in the College of Agricultural Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University. By providing awards to full-time tenured and tenure track faculty interested in developing new, innovative, non-traditional curriculum, the program aims is to enhance student learning and academic performance within the college. Recipients of this award will be known as “Harbaugh Faculty Scholar.” Awards are for one academic year, and for the 2009-10 academic year, approximately $5,000.00 is available for funding, with minimum awards to be $2,500.00. According to the guidelines, proposals are to be submitted, reviewed and awarded during the Spring semester in order to allow faculty the use of the funds in the development of their curriculum during the summer and introduction in the subsequent Fall/Spring semester. Award recipients will be selected based on proposals submitted to a review committee consisting of a representative from the Dean’s office, two faculty, one student, and a previous Harbaugh Faculty Scholar. Successful proposals shall include:

1. New and innovative approaches to teaching that enhance an existing curriculum or develop a new curriculum;
2. Costs associated with the proposed method of teaching;
3. Current and future quantity (number) of students impacted by the proposed method of teaching;
4. Possible collaborative initiatives with other courses, majors or academic units;
5. Methods of evaluation and assessment of proposed teaching method, and mechanism for documenting the results;
6. Potential for additional or subsequent funding if proposed teaching method proves successful.

Proposals need to be addressed and submitted by 5:00 PM Wednesday, April 15, 2009, to: J. Marcos Fernandez, College of Agricultural Sciences, Office for Undergraduate Education, 101 Ag Administration Building, Penn State University (E-mail: jmf28@psu.edu; Ph: 814-865-7521; Fax: 814-863-7277). The Committee’s review and selection of submitted proposals will be targeted to allow for award notices by early May 2009.

Curricular Affairs Committee: College of Agricultural Sciences Curricular Calendar 2008-2009

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* Note: Paper copies of Course Proposals no longer need submitted – just entered in CSCS. For Major/Minor Proposals - only one paper copy needs submitted along with an electronic copy emailed to K. Pletcher (kjs8@psu.edu) in 101 Ag Admin. For complete information on the College’s Instruction and Curricular Affairs Committee and procedure for submitting proposals in CSCS, see the Faculty and Staff Resources site (on the College Home Page) under Teaching and Learning and click on the Instruction and Curricular Affairs link: http://cas.psu.edu/FacultyStaff/ICAC.htm
Introducing a new section to Undergrad Ed Updates! Look here for related information about career, internship, and professional development opportunities that may benefit your student programs. If you have ideas or suggestions for programs associated with the Career and Internship Initiative, please contact Debbie McAllister at djm415@psu.edu or 814-865-7522.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 2009 AG CAREER DAY! The College of Agricultural Sciences will hold its annual career day on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bryce Jordan Center. C-VENT registration will be open to companies in the coming weeks. If you would like to distribute information about Ag Career Day to interested companies, please contact Debbie.

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS @ CAREER SERVICES – University Career Services holds professional development and career workshops every Tuesday afternoon. All programs take place in 103 Bank of America Career Services Center. For more information, visit http://www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/. Please encourage interested students to attend!

3:30 PM – Communicating with Prospective Employers, How to Do it Right!
5:00 PM – The Second Interview and Site Visit
6:30 PM – Peace Corps Information Session (234 Career Services)

3:30 PM – The Professional Resume, It’s Extreme Makeover Time!
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NACTA Conference, June 17-20, 2009, Oklahoma State University

Make plans now to attend the NACTA Annual Conference, June 17-20, 2009, hosted by Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater (http://nactateachers2009.okstate.edu/). The acronym NACTA stands for “North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture” (for more information on this organization, go to http://www.nactateachers.org/). The theme for this year’s conference is “Making Assessment Work For You,” but as with all NACTA Conferences, expect three days of educational-focused presentations (oral & posters) and discussions. Topics will cover the myriad of topics related to effective teaching and advising of students, development of academic programs, etc. Once again this year, the Office for Undergraduate Education plans to provide partial travel support (up to $500 per faculty) for a select number of Ag Sciences faculty from Penn State Ag Sciences submitting abstracts for an oral or poster presentation at the conference. Please let Dr. J. Marcos Fernandez (jmf28@psu.edu) know if you have submitted an abstract and are seeking travel support from the Undergraduate Ed Office.

By the way, Penn State and Happy Valley will host for the 2010 NACTA Conference!
The 2009 Penn State Symposium for Teaching and Learning with Technology
Theme: "Student Engagement and the Culture of Teaching and Learning"
April 18, 2009, the Penn Stater Conference Center

Faculty are invited to learn and share innovative uses of technology to enhance teaching, learning, and research at the 2009 Penn State Symposium for Teaching and Learning with Technology, to be held April 18, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park. During the free event, faculty will present innovative uses of technology in courses to promote learning and help keep students engaged. This year's theme is "Student Engagement and the Culture of Teaching and Learning."

David Wiley will provide the keynote address. Wiley is an internationally recognized expert in the area of reusable educational resources and has authored dozens of books, peer-reviewed journal articles, and magazine columns dealing with educationally effective uses of technology. Wiley believes that higher education needs to align itself with the changes in both society and its student base by innovating in the areas of openness, connectedness, participation, and personalization. Toward that goal, Wiley has been at the forefront of the Open Education Movement, championing for educational materials and resources to be offered freely and openly for anyone to use and under some licenses, such as a Creative Commons license, to remix, improve, and redistribute. He is the founder of OpenContent.org, which released the first open license for course content in 1998. He is also the recipient of the National Science Foundation’s prestigious Young Researcher/CAREER award. Media outlets such as the New York Times, The Economist, the London Financial Times, and the Chronicle of Higher Education have covered his work.

Danah Boyd will speak during lunch. In January, Boyd joined Microsoft Research New England, a Boston research lab that seeks to advance knowledge that will benefit the future of computing. Boyd is a fellow at the Harvard University Berkman Center for Internet and Society. At the Berkman Center, she is co-directing the Internet Safety Technical Task Force to work with companies and nonprofits to identify potential technical solutions for keeping children safe online. Her research focuses on how American youth use networked public spaces, including MySpace and Facebook, for sociable purposes.

The day will also feature demonstrations of social networking Web sites and how to produce podcasts and vodcasts. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, visit http://symposium.tlt.psu.edu/. The symposium is sponsored by Information Technology Services.

EPA Summer Opportunities for Students

The EPA Summer Opportunities Website is now up and running! The EPA Jobs Website is located at: http://www.epa.gov/careers, and the direct link to the Summer Student Employment Opportunities Website is http://www.epa.gov/ohr/student. The EPA Summer Opportunities for Students Website is a hiring tool that will be useful for students looking for summer work and for EPA offices that have summer vacancies to fill. Having a central portal makes it easier for students to find information about specific areas in which they would like to work. Students also will be able to submit a job application directly to the EPA location that has a vacancy. For most offices, students may submit resumes up until May 29, 2009.

The EPA Environmental Careers Program (ECP) ECP, previously named the EPA Intern Program, is a comprehensive, entry-level, professional, full-time, career development program. It involves an intensive two-year assignment to help college and grad school graduates jump-start their careers and develop their potential for future advancement within the Agency. The ECP seeks graduates with a bachelor's or higher level degree in a variety of academic disciplines, including physical and life sciences, business, finance, computer sciences, policy and public administration.
Following the review and consideration of extensive usage data and user feedback received through the survey, the difficult conclusion was made to shut down the ASI 109 Computer Lab, effective the end of the Fall 2009 semester. Thanks to everyone who provided input regarding the current and future status of the ASI 109 Computer Lab. Please know and rest assured that all of your comments and suggestions were very valuable in helping us make critical decisions about the lab and future uses of that space.

The timing of this effort had less to do with the current budgetary constraints our college and university finds itself in, but rather more to do with the fact that this was the last year of a four-year funding cycle and commitment made toward staffing and computers purchased during the summer 2005. If the college was going to continue operating ASI 109 as a college-supported Computer Lab, it would have to recommit and invest for another four years (at a current cost of approximately $25,000 annually). We realize that this may result in an inconvenience to some accustomed to using this facility and services, but overall, this decision will allow the college to make more effective use of all of its resources, including budgetary, personnel, and classroom space. By keeping the ASI 109 Computer Lab open and functional through the end of the Fall 2009 semester, it should give faculty time to make any necessary changes and look into scheduling their classes through university-supported computer labs for Spring 2010 classes and activities.

The future reconfiguration and use of ASI 109 (and the adjoining room, ASI 110) are currently being studied and discussed with various university and college colleagues. In the meantime, scheduling for university computer labs is managed through the Registrar’s office via your departmental academic staff assistant. University labs may be scheduled for short-term (one day to several weeks) or long-term (a full semester) periods. Information about the university technology classrooms may be found at http://clc.its.psu.edu/Classrooms/. Be sure to review information on the type of classroom as not all technology classrooms include computers for class students.

For faculty wishing to use their software in the university labs, submit the following information to winlabs@staff.win.psu.edu:

- Name
- Instructor’s User ID,
- Software title
- Version number
- Was this version previously installed in an ITS lab?
- Course ID
- Date required for instructional use
- Total number of students
- Any special instructions

ITS will follow up on the request to get the licensing information and a copy of the software so they can begin working on a package for you to test.

Questions regarding ASI 109 scheduling through Fall 2009 may still be directed to AgIT at 814-863-4678.

PGSAS Cancelled for Summer 2009

We regret to share that the Pennsylvania Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences has been cancelled. The Governor’s state budget for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 does not contain funds for the operation of the Governor’s Schools during the summer of 2009.

We hope the programs will be reinstated for summer 2010 but at this time it is too soon to know. We would like to thank all the many members of the College of Agricultural Sciences for your support and participation over the last 23 years of the program.

Thank you,
Marianne Fivel, Director
Ketja Lingenfelter, Assistant Director
Congratulations on a successful Ag Ball & to the following winners!

ASC 2009 Ag Woman of the Year: Ms. Hilary Peterson
ASC 2009 Ag Man of the Year: Mr. Michael Woods
ASC 2009 Outstanding Organization Advisor of the Year: Mr. Dale Over, the Dairy Science Club
ASC 2009 Outstanding Organization of the Year: The Poultry Science Club!

ASC 2009 Community Service Award: Poultry Science Club
ASC 2009 Professional & Leadership Development Award: Food Science Club

The Dairy Science Club earns three 2009 ASC Awards this evening:
(1) Educational Activities Award
(2) Fundraising Award
(3) Activities Above the College Level Award

Spring 2009 PC Meeting Schedule
The remaining Spring 2009 Program Coordinator Meetings are scheduled on the following days from Noon-1:30 PM.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Room 118 ASI
- Monday, May 18 – Room 118 ASI

SPRING 2009 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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