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Spring 2010 Commencement

The College of Agricultural Sciences Spring 2010 Commencement exercises will be held at Eisenhower Auditorium on **Saturday, May 15th at 9 a.m.** We are pleased to announce that Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell C. Redding, will be our Commencement Speaker.

For more information, please visit our website: <http://students.cas.psu.edu/>

Graduation Brunch

This special brunch, hosted by the Alumni Society, provides an opportunity for our newest graduates and their families to mingle with faculty, administrators, other graduates, and our alumni family. The brunch will be served as guests arrive. We are happy to provide you with one complimentary ticket for the event, and additional tickets may be purchased at \$15 each; however, all tickets must be reserved in advance. There will be no admission at the door without tickets. Please register online at www.agsci.psu.edu/alumni by clicking on the header Spring Graduation Brunch – May 15, 2010. All reservations must be made by **Monday, May 10, 2010**. We look forward to having you with us to celebrate this happy event in the lives of our students.



Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Support University (Old Main) 2009-10 Funds Expended

Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Support Funding from the university Office of Undergraduate Education (Old Main) is fully expended for the current fiscal year (2009-10). Requests already in the pipeline will still be considered; however, new requests can no longer be considered for a matching contribution by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Colleges and campuses may continue to support conference travel for their

students to present their research and creative endeavors.

An announcement for 2010-2011 Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Support will be sent at the beginning of fall semester. Questions may be directed to Mary Beth Crowe, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education (417 Old Main), at mbc5@psu.edu or 814-863-1864.

Academic Advising Corner!

Summer Brown Bag Lunch Series



The Office for Undergraduate Education is once again offering a series of informal brown bag luncheon discussions this summer focusing on topics suggested by faculty and staff. Everyone interested is invited to gather at the Creamery (outside facing Ag Admin except for May 24) for a fun and interesting discussion.

Date	Topic	Guest Speaker
May 24	Advising Considerations for Study Abroad Room 133 Food Sciences Building	Kristi Wormhoudt
June 11	Alternative Ways for Students to Receive College Credit	Mary Adams
June 30	Advising Adult Learners	Betsy Esposito
July 6	Financial Considerations for Our Students	Anna Griswold



Case Studies in Science Workshop

May 17-20, 2010, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Presented by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, The Summer 2010 Teaching Case Studies in Science Workshop will be held May 17-20 at the University of Buffalo (NY). Past workshops have included faculty from biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, computer science, mathematics, geology, psychology, anthropology, nursing, science education, dentistry, engineering, medicine, and other science-related disciplines.

The workshop focuses on training science faculty (all levels) to teach with case studies, to write their own cases, and to assess their students' learning with cases. During the final two days of the workshop, all participants are required to teach a case before a student audience using a case they have developed during the workshop. In addition, workshop participants are expected to produce a case study within six months of the workshop for our national, peer-reviewed case collection. Workshop Director Clyde F. (Kipp) Herreid is a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Biological Sciences Department.

ment at the University at Buffalo. He has conducted numerous workshops around the country on case method teaching, team learning, and problem-based learning. He is the author of a column on case studies regularly featured in the Journal of College Science Teaching and directs the work of the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science.

Registration will open at 9:00 a.m. on January 26th, on our website (see URL below) and will remain open until the workshop is filled (limit 35 people). The Registration Fee is \$750, and it includes many of the workshop and per diem costs. Arrangements have been made for reduced price lodging at the University campus dormitories \$39 (single) and \$32(double) for all attendees as well as at a conveniently located hotel (Ramada Hotel & Conference Center: \$69.00 per night for double bedded queen room).

Detailed information about the workshop, including online registration and housing options, will be available on January 26th at: (the site currently contains the 2009 workshop information):

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/workshop/>

Questions or would like more information? Please contact the workshop coordinator, Carolyn Wright, at nccsts@buffalo.edu or at 716-645-4900.



Announcing the 56th Annual NACTA Conference, June 22-25, 2010

“Collaborate, Communicate Celebrate” Hosted by Penn State University, University Park, PA

Make sure you hold the dates now for the 56th Annual Conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA; www.nactateachers.org), which will be hosted right here at Penn State University

June 22-25, 2010, at the Penn Stater Conference Hotel and Center. Join us for an engaging week of oral presentations, poster sessions, roundtable discussions and exciting tours as we **“Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate”** teaching and learning around agricultural, human, and renewable natural resources. The annual NACTA conference is a wonderful venue focusing on the educational mission of agricultural institutions, including issues related to teaching, learning, co-curricular opportunities, student recruitment, advising and retention, programmatic assessment, etc.



Curricular Affairs Committee — College of Agricultural Sciences

2009-2010 Curricular Calendar

Proposals Due in CSCS System *	Send to ACUE Deans (if necessary) Then to Committee Members for review	College Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting Dates and Locations	Revisions Due in CSCS System and Begin Final Approval Process (required signatories)	Proposals due to Faculty Senate	Curriculum Report Publication Date (on Blue Sheets for 30 days)	Senate Committee Curricular Affairs (SCCA) all day meeting
Friday April 9, 2010	April 12-13, 2010	Thurs. April 29, 2010 1:30-3:00 p.m. 342 Food Science Bldg.	May 14, 2010	May 28, 2010

* **Note:** for course proposals submitted in CSCS, paper copies no longer need to be submitted.

For PROGRAM proposals (not done in CSCS), **you must submit one paper copy and a PDF file of the proposal** by the due dates listed above (first column) to: K. Pletcher, 101 Ag Admin. Bldg.



Instructor Resources @ UP

Check out these Web sites for more information on...

Technology Classroom Overview

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Classrooms/>

Reserving a Technology Classroom

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Classrooms/Scheduling/>

Getting Help and Reporting Problems

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/SendMail/hotline.aspx>

Faculty Learning Opportunities

<http://its.psu.edu/training/>
<http://digitalcommons.psu.edu/>

Assistive Technology & Physical Access

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/AssistiveTech/>

Student Response Systems

<http://clc.tlt.psu.edu/classrooms/prs/>

Using Personal Laptops

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Authentication/>

Specialized Software Installation

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/labs/Instruction/>

File Storage Options

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/DiskSpace/>

Collaborative Learning Spaces

<http://tlt.its.psu.edu/learningspaces/about.html>

Podcasts at Penn State

<http://podcasts.psu.edu/>

Penn State Testing Center

www.testing.psu.edu/



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Thanks for a terrific Spring Semester!

We hope everyone
 has a great summer and look
 for the next issue of
Undergrad Ed Updates in August.

COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR SPRING 2010

May 14—16	Commencement
SUMMER 2010	
May 16	Arrival Day for New Students
May 17	Classes Begin
May 17-20	Drop/Add Period