

**Academic Update
for
Board of Trustees Meeting
11/03/2017**

Institutional (HLC) Accreditation status—see handout:

- Interim Reports: Defn. of Credit Hour (2018), Enrollment and Budget (2018 and 2020)
- Interim Visit: Program Review and Assessment of Curricular & Co-Curricular Activities (2019)
- Program Review—new plan for Program Review vs. program review developed
- Institutional Learning Outcomes—being developed by General Education Committee

Strategic Planning and Program Review next steps—see handout:

- CAFÉ--Culture, Academics, Finance, and Enrollment (pillars)
- Framework established, clarified strategic focus to evaluate work of planning (not reporting) units and then make institutional recommendations
- Received input from across campus (Provost Council, Deans & Chairs Leadership Group, Campus Collegium, Leadership Forum, email, etc.) to see if anything was missed
- Move forward with planning unit goal setting this fall in alignment with CAFÉ master goals

The process to establish a **Faculty Senate** was begun on Oct. 26, 2017, with the election of co-chair David Baumann and Secretary Katie Kalata. An ad hoc transition committee of faculty is meeting to determine next steps (election of committee chairs, development of bylaws, etc.)

The process for developing **Certificate Programs** is being reviewed and updated. A number of certificates are in various stages of development/discussion. Certificates enable students to ladder their education, i.e. earn a certificate, AS degree, BS degree, or they can be a focused area imbedded within a degree program.

Strong support of student learning and retention continues via **Midterm Grades** being issued by faculty to inform students of their standing at this juncture in the semester. Midterm Grades were issued at the highest overall percentage (71%) since tracking began in 2006. For 100-level courses, 81% had Midterm Grades assigned.

The **Hunt Creek Field Station** Steering Committee met to review facility operations these past two years and brainstorm with respect to future activities so as to maximize the potential of this unique asset located in Lewiston, MI. LSSU has an MOU with the MDNR to operate the field station for ten years. Lukenda School of Business students have been asked to develop a business plan.

Space Reallocation Plan (Library/CASET) has made the Library the ‘activity hub’ of campus (NW entrance to Library Commons opened)

- Main floor of Library—Career Services, Academic Success Center, College of Arts & Sciences
- First floor of Library—School of Education
- First floor of CASET—Fire Science

A new **3+1 Bachelor of Science in Nursing program** has been established with Bay College in Escanaba. The initial student cohort for Spring 2018 is 5 students with an anticipated cohort size of 10 in Fall 18 and 25 projected within the next two years. The school of nursing is currently discussing similar programing with two other Michigan community colleges.

Scribing and training to implement **Degree Works** in Registrar's Office (Spring 2018 launch). Degree Works is a comprehensive academic advising, transfer articulation, and degree audit solution: helping students graduate on time.

Key **IT Hardware/Network initiatives** include: authentication, network/wireless upgrades, residential wireless upgrades, data center upgrades, and new phone system

Early Middle College partnership with EUP Intermediate School District to launch Spring 2018

Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE)—working closely with Cloverland Electric and City to discern optimal design/configuration of facility for all involved

Nursing Simulation Center— working closely with War Memorial Hospital (WMH) to identify best path forward for this facility

LSSU Theatre presented *Good Kids* by Naomi Iizuka from Oct 24-27. Directed by Professor Spencer D Christensen, *Good Kids* ran about 75 minutes with no intermission. The play has adult themes. Donations were welcomed to benefit the Diane Pepler Center. Pre-show conversations began at 6 p.m. Discussions followed Wednesday and Friday performances: <https://www.lssu.edu/todays-event/lssu-theatre-presents-good-kids/>

The LSSU School of Education, Department of English, and Bayliss Public Library invites K-6 students in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to write hero narratives for Young Writers' Month. A publication party will be held for participating students on Nov. 11 from 1-3pm at Bayliss: <https://www.lssu.edu/lssu-class-offers-young-authors-month-publication-party-nov-11/>

The Lake Superior State University Medical Laboratory Science Program is seeking accreditation (for its Clinical Concentration track) from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). As part of the accreditation process, three NAACLS representatives visited campus on October 23rd and 24th to gather information about the program. Dr. Martha Hutchens prepared the paperwork for accreditation and the site visit. The team repeatedly commented on Dr. Hutchens' dedication and perseverance. The MLS area is seen as a major potential for growth in the next decade and enjoys a 100% employment rate.

A leadership course (Mindfulness leader development research) will be conducted by Professor Jody Rebek at LSSU in the 2018 Spring semester, and it is open to all students. Participants of the course will be invited to participate in leader development research to help identify strength-based practices for learning important leadership skills.

Professor Jody Rebek presented at the Leadership Conference 2017 in Victoria, BC to professionals and academics from the West Coast. This workshop communicated current and future research in mindful leader development. Academics and leaders of organizations discussed implications for learning and integration of mindfulness within organizational operations/offerings.

Business Communications (BUSN231) students (six teams) submitted videos for the President to recruit students for various programs at LSSU. The President declared all six teams winners and is catering a lunch and attending this class in recognition of their efforts in Nov. 2017.

Professor Mindy McCready attended the ACBSP Region 4 Conference on October 19 and 20 in Minneapolis, MN. The theme of the conference was "Transforming Student Success through Recruitment, Retention and Reentry". Professor McCready delivered a presentation entitled "The Lukenda School of Business' Occupational Education Day".

Dr. Madan Saluja attended the Academy of Business Research Conference in Las Vegas, NV from September 30 to October 4. He also attended the 2017 Michigan Construction Hall of Fame Induction honoring former LSSU Trustee and alumnus Gary Benjamin.

LSSU's Athletic Training Program won the 14th Annual Michigan Athletic Trainers Society Student Seminar and Quiz Bowl held at Grand Valley State University on Sunday October 29, 2017. The winning team consisted of Senior Taylor Shann (Wolverine, MI), Senior Jonathan McBain (Pickford, MI) and Junior Austin Hawks (Alpena, MI). The team competed against 11 other schools from the state of Michigan. The win allows them to represent Michigan at the Great Lakes Athletic Training Association (GLATA) meeting held in March.

Students from the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Sciences performed a series of demonstrations for students at Soo Township Elementary School. The outreach was for National Chemistry Week which is celebrated annually around Mole Day, October 23rd (10/23 with a mole being 6.022×10^{23} items).

Katelyn Lambert (Chemistry, Spring 2018) submitted an abstract to the National American Chemical Society Meeting to be held in New Orleans. Her work with Drs. Derek David Wright and Steven Johnson has focused on developing methodology for detection of barium, lead and antimony using microwave plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy and hydride generation.

A recently published paper coauthored by Dr. Alexei Iretski was chosen as the American Chemical Society Editors' Choice and was selected to be a cover article of the *Inorganic Chemistry* journal.

Z. Li, A. E. Pierri, P.-J. Huang, G. Wu, A. V. Iretskii, and P. C. Ford. Dinuclear PhotoCORMs: Dioxygen-Assisted Carbon Monoxide Uncaging from Long-Wavelength-Absorbing Metal-Metal-Bonded Carbonyl Complexes. *Inorg. Chem.* **56**, 6094 (2017)

Dr. Kristina J. Olson-Pupek was a speaker for the NMU Psychological Science Colloquium Series on October 13, 2017. She addressed the topic, "Water Taste: Aquaporins and Osmotic Detection in the Peripheral Gustatory System".

Dr. Russell Searight—Papers Presented at the European Psychology Learning and Teaching Conference at the University of Salzburg, Austria. September, 2017

1. “Problem-Based Learning Addresses Multiple Components of Psychological Literacy”
2. “Using Popular Film and Memoir to Teach Psychopathology”
3. Discussant—Symposium “Psychological Literacy in Action: International Perspectives”

Recent Publications:

Searight, H.R. &** Montone, K. (2017). *The Profile of Mood States*, in the Encyclopedia of Personality and Individual Differences (pp. 1-6). New York: Springer-Verlag

** Ms. Montone graduated in May 2017 with a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Dr. R. Kirk Mauldin was recognized on October 28, 2017, at the Michigan Sociological Annual Conference. He was presented The Larry T. Reynolds Award for the Outstanding Teaching of Sociology for 2017 by the Michigan Sociological Association. Two past students, Dr. Simon Purdy and Rhoda Marshall, were in attendance to share the moment with Kirk.

LSB adjunct instructor Greg Bekes tasked Escanaba/Iron Mountain regional center students with a community project. They partnered with Blossoming Rose, the official curator of Biblical Tamar Park in Israel, to develop a new marketing plan, including website design and ideas. The students were again recognized in Blossoming Rose's newsletter as the non-profit has implemented several of their recommendations.

The Career Center recently held its annual Career Fair, which was highly successful. We hosted 33 companies, and several students received job offers on the spot.

LSSU Nursing students in the Nursing for Childbearing Populations had the opportunity to attend a AWHONN (Assoc. for Women’s Health and Neonatal Nurses) Michigan Chapters Annual Fall Conference on Mackinac Island. The students learned about Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Perinatal Nurse Management and received a very warm welcome from conference organizers.