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Informational Report

I. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Gifted and Talented

The Office of the Registrar participated in the Orientation Program for the Detroit Public Schools Gifted and Talented Program, held at McGregor the evening of December 3.

Michigan Collegiate Job Fair

On November 9, 2001, Career Planning and Placement Services co-sponsored its bi-annual Michigan Collegiate Job Fair event. The program provided an opportunity for 1,175 students from four-year institutions of higher learning to interact with and discuss career/job opportunities with career planning staff and also representatives from over 120 companies and organizations. The event was held off campus in Livonia, Michigan.

Michigan Council for Cooperative Education Annual Year End Luncheon

Career Planning and Placement Services participated in this December 12 program where approximately 100 career professionals attended from both the university and corporate communities. The event was held off campus in Dearborn, Michigan.

Midwest Association of Colleges and Employers Recruiting Trends Conference

On November 30, 2001, placement professionals and corporate representatives from throughout the Midwest came together in Schaumburg, Illinois to review current and future employment trends.

University of Michigan-Dearborn In-Service

On November 29, 2001, Career Planning and Placement Services conducted an in-service for The University of Michigan-Dearborn. Eight career professionals from UM-D's various schools and colleges received training and information during this half-day session.

International Student Orientation

Plans are in place to welcome three to four hundred new international students arriving for the winter 2002 semester. Each new student will meet with an advisor from the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) who will review immigration documents and the orientation schedule, and provide assistance and support as needed. New students will then participate in a comprehensive orientation program designed to provide a warm welcome to Wayne State and assist them in adjusting to life in the United States.

Southeastern Michigan Area International Student and Scholar Advisors Meeting

On February 1, 2002, approximately 35 international student and scholar advisors representing 12 area colleges and universities will attend a professional development seminar regarding new reporting and monitoring requirements as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by the OISS and in partnership with greater Detroit area community organizations, the International Coffee Hour program was held every Wednesday during fall 2001 semester from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Student Center Building. Each week an average of 80 international students, scholars, and WSU faculty, staff and students gathered for refreshments and conversation.

Eyes of the World

The Eyes of the World diversity series, sponsored by the OISS, Episcopal/Lutheran Chaplaincy, and United Campus Christian Ministry, was held October 11, and November 1 in the Student Center Building. This noontime diversity series featured ethnic student organizations who shared information about their countries and cultures in order to foster global knowledge and understanding.

F-1 Employment Options Seminar

On November 14, 2001, the OISS presented an F-1 Employment Options seminar to review and discuss important information related to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regulations regarding international student employment. Fifteen students were in attendance.

Foreign National Employment 101

Foreign National Employment 101 is a practical, "hands on" workshop for WSU personnel administrators offered September 17, October 22, and November 3, 2001 by the OISS. The session covered nonimmigrant employment options related to the H-1B, J-1, TN, and O-1 status, as well as requirements and procedures for preparing OISS request forms. An average of 15 WSU faculty and staff attended each session.

International Scholar Seminar

Offered October 2 and November 15, 2001 by the OISS, the International Scholar Seminar is designed for WSU visiting scholars interested in learning more about J-1 and H-1B status, including eligibility requirements, change of status, program extension, travel, and the two year foreign home residency requirement. Fifteen scholars attended the October 2 session; ten attended the November 15 session.

Athletics Rankings

Wayne State University is ranked 21st as published in USA Today (November 23, 2001). This was determined by national rankings for the Sears Cup given to the top Division II athletics programs in the country. The early success is based primarily on the showing of the men's and women's cross country teams.

Women's Tennis

Student-athlete Marzena Radzio was honored at graduation as the recipient of the 2001 David D. Henry Award. The recognition goes to the midyear graduate who best combines leadership, service to the University and excellence in the classroom.

Ford Motor Company

Ford presented the Athletics Department with a check for \$25,000 as part of the Warrior Stadium renovation.

GLIAC All-Academic Team

Twenty-eight student-athletes participating in fall sports (football, volleyball, men's and women's cross country, women's tennis and golf) were recognized as members of the GLIAC All-Academic team.

Huntsville vs. Hitsville

The men's hockey team defeated and tied CHA Conference leader Alabama-Huntsville. This weekend promotion also realized 200 toys as part of the Toys for Tots campaign.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross-country team celebrated their outstanding seasons with the women finishing 6th in the regional and the men finishing 11th in the nation. This is the first time a WSU cross-country team has ever competed for a national championship and is the highest finish ever following a first-ever GLIAC Championship.

Swimming

Four individuals have qualified for nationals. Fifteen school records have fallen this season. The women's squad has its best dual meet record in our history at 4-2. Both the men's and women's teams won the Grand Valley State Relay Invitational.

Employees

The Athletics Department has hired David Greer as the Men's Head Basketball Coach, Jeff Weiss as Sports Information Director and Bo Bivins as Assistant Women's Basketball Coach. Mr. Greer had been the Associate Head Coach at Detroit Mercy as well as an Assistant Head Coach at Akron University in Akron, Ohio. Mr. Weiss had previously been in charge of media relations for the CCHA and assistant sports information director while Coach Bivins worked at both Grambling and Detroit Mercy.

The Warrior Word

A new e-mail publication has been developed called The Warrior Word. The weekly sports update can be received by contacting jeff.weiss@wayne.edu.

Cactus Bowl

Senior football player Pierre Brown was selected to participate in the 2002 Cactus Bowl, a national all-star game comprised of Division II players.

Turkey Trot

Nearly 5,000 runners were registered at the Matthaei for the annual Turkey Trot Run that preceded America's Thanksgiving Parade. As part of Wayne State University's parade sponsorship, t-shirts with the word mark displayed were distributed to each runner

Java Too Poetry Series

The Coffeehouse in the Lower Level of the Student Center continued to sponsor Java Too Poetry Series throughout the semester. Events such as open mic poetry, debates and spoken word contests took place on the evenings of Sept. 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, and Dec. 7.

Detroit Latino Education Conference

The Center for Chicano – Boricua Studies and the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs sponsored a Detroit Latino Education Conference on October 19 and 20. The two-day event held in the Student Center, included panel discussions on immigration matters and ways in which to adjust to the American lifestyle.

Graduate School Fair

On October 25, University Admissions sponsored a Graduate School Fair on the second floor of the Student Center. This event brought 70 schools from around the country onto campus so that students could look at many types of graduate programs.

Robert L. Millender Memorial Luncheon

The annual Robert L. Millender Memorial Luncheon and lecture was held in the Student Center Ballroom on November 9.

Detroit Public Schools Program

The College of Education sponsored a Detroit Public Schools program on December 1. This was a limited license orientation for three hundred substitute teachers.

Celebration of Ramadan

Eid, the Muslim celebration at the end of Ramadan, was held on December 16 in the Student Ballroom from 10am – 4pm. Community Affairs sponsored the event.

WSU Charter School

WSU Charter School continues to use the Recreation and Fitness Center for weekly activities in the pool and on the basketball court. A new parent/child program began in December.

II. STUDENT LIFE

New Residence Hall

The superstructure phase is in progress. The anticipated completion date is the end of February 2002. Interior furnishings are currently being selected and will be sent out for bids in mid February 2002.

Marketing

New brochures and post card mailers for the new residence hall as well as current housing facilities will begin distribution in January 2002.

Residence Life

The Annual Holiday Party for all Housing residents was held on December 20, 2001. The following programs and activities were successfully completed to date:

- University Tower Pizza Party and Finals Study Session
- New Residence Hall Furnishings Preview
- Game Night
- Movie Night All Residents
- Movie Night University Tower

Showtime at the Apollo

The annual event, Showtime at the Apollo, was a success on November 9. This evening program held in the Student Center Ballroom was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta and was a talent show format.

Golden Key National Honor Society

On December 2, the Golden Key National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony in the Student Center Ballroom.

III. ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Registration

Priority Registration for the winter term 2002, was held November 5 through November 30. During this period, 19,120 students registered, a 1% increase over the number of students who registered during the same period for winter 2001. Open registration began on Monday, December 10, and continued until Friday, January 4. As of Wednesday, January 2, 24,179 students have registered for the winter term, an increase of 2.7% over the same period last year.

Web Schedule of Classes

Since the new version of the web site was rolled out in June to include all information that is available in the paper schedule of classes, the site has averaged over 45,000 hits per month. This is a monthly increase of nearly 80% from the previous five months.

IV. ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

SCT Banner Student System Project

Four staff members attended the Banner Midwest Users Meetings held November 15-16 in Toledo, Ohio. Several staff spent a day with visitors from the University of Arkansas. Arkansas is considering implementing Banner Student and their Associate Registrar spent the day with several of our staff reviewing Banner's capabilities.

Professional Development

Ten staff attended the MACRAO Support Staff Workshop on October 22. An additional four staff members attended the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) November 7-9.

Divisional Service

Representatives from all the divisions in Student Development and Campus Life were invited to participate in the interviews for the Dean of Students, and the Directors of Housing, Counseling Services, University Admissions, and Scholarships & Financial Aid. There is also a divisional team organized to establish a customer service curriculum and training program for divisional employees.

Application Reports

Freshman applications for the winter semester are up 36% compared with the same period last year, while admissions are up 20%. Transfer applications are up 27% and

admissions are up 9% for the winter. Compared with the same period last year, graduate applications for the winter semester are up 30% and graduate admissions are up slightly (less than one percent).

Windsor Counselor Luncheon

On Thursday, December 6, the admission office hosted a luncheon reception for high school counselors in the Windsor/Essex County area. Held in Windsor, the program attracted thirty counselors from the local high schools. A presentation about changes to the campus was followed by a question and answer session.

Community College Luncheon

The admissions office sponsored another luncheon program on Tuesday, December 18. This program was aimed at the counseling staff in the area community colleges. A total of thirty-one counselors attended the program. A presentation about recent changes to the campus was followed by a walking tour of the main campus.

Instant Decision Programs

Three day long programs were held—one each on the main campus (Adamany Library), Macomb University Center, and the Oakland Center. At each of these programs students could bring in their admissions materials and be admitted, “on-the-spot”. Approximately seventy-five students were served during these programs. Additionally, “instant decisions” were offered in the lobby of the HNJ Building during the weeks of December 10 and 17. Approximately 150 additional students were served during this period.

Project 350 Summer Program

The 2002 Project 350 Summer Program will be held from June 27 to August 16, 2002. Approximately 122 students have applied for the Project 350 program. The first orientation was held on Saturday, January 19, 2002. Project 350 students are first-generation and/or low-income students. All students admitted are required to attend a summer program where they will receive rigorous instruction in Speech, Reading and Study Skills, English, Mathematics and Library Skills.