University Inputs Sought to Academic Strategic Planning Survey

The following is the text of a memorandum from the Provost and the Vice President for Academic Affairs - Please go to the University Blackboard site to complete the Academic Strategic Planning Survey which has been posted there. You will note that the survey has a March 9, 2007 due date, but I encourage you to complete the survey even if you are unable to do before the deadline. We would like to get as many responses as possible, so that the results can be discussed at our Academic Strategic Planning Institute on March 14-15, 2007. The survey link is [http://CTLSilhouette.wsu.edu/surveys/ZS61445](http://CTLSilhouette.wsu.edu/surveys/ZS61445).

Thank for in advance for your participation.

Office of Development Seeks Success Stories to Share

The Office of Development is looking for 12 great, heartfelt, stories about students who have attended the University of the District of Columbia in some capacity and just excelled in their lives. The office seeks to include a combination of those who have gone through to receive a GED, BA, BS, MA, JD, Ph.D, etc. In addition, they intend to spotlight alumni, faculty and staff for their achievements not only at UDC but professionally and in the community.

Without question there are numerous members of the University family who make a difference, so please help the Office of Development in sharing their stories. If you or someone you know would make a good story for the Office of Development's spotlight on individual achievements through UDC, please contact Okolo Thomas-Toure in the Office of Development at 202.274.5729 or via email at development@udc.edu.
Harkness to Present at Podcast Symposium in Ireland

Dr. Suzan Harkness (Political Science, Department of Urban Affairs, Social Science & Social Work) has been invited to present a symposium to faculty and staff about the use of emerging media and podcasting in higher education at the leading research institute in Ireland (University College Cork, shown above).

University College Cork (UCC) is located in south-west Ireland and is a progressive, dynamic university of over 14,500 students. UCC is Ireland’s leading research institute. The University offers an innovative, research-led curriculum, taught by world-class academics that consistently attract a quality student intake. The University's internal research reputation spans all of its faculties where it offers over 120 degree and professional programmes through 7 schools and 27 departments.

Additionally Dr. Harkness, has also just completed the first nation-wide survey on the use of podcasting in American institutions of higher education. The purpose of the study was to assess the use of podcasting and other emerging media in higher education and to measure the understanding and application of intellectual property as it pertains to audio files of course content. The study will be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual national conference in Chicago (Mid-April) and is creating quite a buzz. Dr. Harkness has had numerous requests to collaborate with faculty from leading research institutions such as Duke and the University of Alabama, and to disseminate her findings as soon as possible.

Assistance in Voice Mail Management Requested

The following message is from Mike Jacks, Vice President, Information Technology - You may be receiving a message saying the voicemail mailbox is full when you access your voicemail box. The message is referring to the overall voicemail system, not your individual voicemail box. Please help us by listening to and deleting all voicemails from your individual voicemail box. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
Upcoming Hearings Before District Council

University leadership will appear before District Council’s Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the University’s performance in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006. This is part of the annual review process in which each District agency participates.

On Tuesday, March 27, also at 10:00 a.m., University leadership will again appear before the Committee of the Whole to discuss both operational and capital budgets. The Committee will review FY 06 and 07 budgets and entertain requests for the FY 08 budget.

Both hearings will be held in Council Chambers on the fifth floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC. The hearings will be aired on DC Cable Channel 13 and can be viewed on line at www.dc.gov.

Meet the President

The Bold and Incomparable Women of the Beta Jota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Invite you to Dialogue with UDC President
Dr. William L. Pollard

Bring constructive questions and commentary that will affect change on YOUR campus! It's a New Day, New Opportunity!

Meet The President

Monday, March 12th, 2007
6:30-7:30 PM
Building 44 Room A-03

For more information contact Alexis Rice - Chapter President (202)-577-1906
Terri Johnson - Primary Advisor (202)-547-6863
Chen's Book Captures Attention of Researchers

Li Chen’s book on "discrete surfaces and manifolds" has continued to capture some attention from researchers. Some leading scientists have cited the book in their recent research papers:


Professor Kong of CUNY and Professor Klette of Auckland University are two of the foremost scientists in Digital Geometry. (Rosenfeld, a distinguished professor in UMD, died in 2004. He is regarded as the father of image processing.) Chen's lecture notes on this topic is posted by the official site of digital geometry: http://www.cb.uu.se/~tc18/subfields/topology/.
Labor in Globalization / What is the Role of Labor Unions in 2007?

Panelists

John Sweeney
President, AFL-CIO
(American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations)

William Lucy
International Secretary - Treasurer, AFSCME
(American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees)
President, Coalition of Black Trade Unions

Armand F. Pereira
Director, Washington Office International Labor Organization (ILO)

Lawrence Mishel
President, Economic Policy Institute

Mary Hatwood Futrell
Dean of The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD)
President Founder Educational International/NEA

Paul Nehru Tennessee
The Director of International Affairs, UDC
Former WCL Representative to the UN

Moderator: Melanie Anderson, Acting Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, UDC

Welcome by: Leslie Richards, President, UDC/Faculty Association/NEA
Walter Jones, President, Local 2087 (UDC)/AFSCME

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (UDC)
Windows Lounge, Bldg 38, 2nd Floor
4200 Connecticut Avenue NW
Van Ness-UDC Red Metro Line

Monday, March 12, 2007
5:00pm-8:30pm
Refreshments 5 - 5:30
Please RSVP:
Perita: Pbaxter@udc.edu Makiko: udcopenforum@yahoo.com
202 274 6246 202 274 6277
Branding Training Sessions Schedule Posted

The following is a reprinted memo from Dr. Bobby Austin, Vice President for University Relations and Communications:

We are in the process of finalizing the first phase of our University branding. Please plan to attend one of the training sessions from the schedule listed below. The training will be conducted by Adriane Alfred, Marketing & Communications Consultant. Each session is one hour and it is highly recommended that a member or members of your staff/department are in attendance. These sessions will address what it means to refresh and create a new brand, use of the new logo and mascot, and how each staff member becomes an ambassador of the brand. Following are the dates and locations of the brand training sessions. Please select a date from the schedule below and make a reservation for one of the sessions by e-mailing adriane.alfred@gmail.com

Branding Training Session Schedule

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If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jean Catchings at 202-274-5954.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.
UDC’s Writer-in-Residence Lecture

Marita Golden
“Why Writing Matters”

with readings by UDC Students
Simone Bostic, and
Nkenge Feagin

Wednesday, March 14th
7:00 PM
Building 44, Room A03
UDC Campus

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007
7:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION
UDC MAIN AUDITORIUM
4200 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW — WASHINGTON, DC
Calling Poets and Writers…

Interested and budding poets and writers are invited to an Informal Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction Workshop Friday afternoon, March 9, 2007 from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. (and the second Friday of every subsequent month) in Room 403 of Building 41. Bring drafts of poetry and other creative writing to polish in an informal and supportive workshop with the help of other student writers, and facilitators Deborah Dessaso and Matthew Petti. Light refreshments served.

The Phoenix, UDC’s Literary Magazine, is looking for a few good writers to contribute stories, essays, and poetry for the upcoming issue. Contact Matthew Petti (Bldg. 41, Room 400-16; mpetti@udc.edu; (202) 274-5635).

Final Thoughts

*The UDC Spark* is your publication. It can only be effective if you make contributions. If there is something happening in your department that everyone else should know about, then tell us. As always, we ask that you please submit items of interest in text format by e-mail only to mandrews@udc.edu by noon on every other Thursday. PLEASE – NO FLIERS – text paragraphs in Times Roman 12 (black) only. We always welcome photos and appropriate clip art.