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REALIZING STUDENT POTENTIAL CONFERENCE--FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

The 4th annual Realizing Student Potential conference is now less than one month away! Again, faculties have submitted more than 55 exciting and substantive session proposals, ensuring another excellent conference. The session descriptions attest to the richness of ideas, experience, and knowledge to be shared across our system.

We hope that you will take an opportunity now (in the last couple weeks of registration) to remind everyone on your campus or in your division that RSP is the one event wherein all system faculty, staff, and administrators come together as one community. At RSP, disparate practices, projects, and solutions are discussed in common for the benefit of all of our students, our colleges and universities.

Please encourage faculty and interested academic staff and administrators to register online today at <http://www.ctl.mnscu.edu/facdev/reg.php?eventtype=conference&eid=49>. Registration will close at 11:59 PM on February 16, 2006, and a fee of \$50 will be collected from ALL who register after that date. This late fee is new this year, so we ask that you please inform your faculty of it and of the registration deadline. (We've had to institute this fee to improve our stewardship of co-sponsors' funds. Without accurate registration numbers, we must over-order food, programs, and materials to allow for inevitable walk-ins. We've also improved registrants' ability to notify us online of the need to cancel.)

Thank you for supporting this event! We look forward to seeing you on February 24!

RSP is sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor CTL, Metro Alliance, and state leadership funds from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998.

STUDENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE ON RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS—MARCH 2-3, 2006

The Student Affairs Conference on Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Students will be held on March 2 and 3, 2006 at the Holiday Inn North in Arden Hills. This year's conference will again feature a focus on underrepresented students, but the agenda will include sessions of more general student affairs interest. A special feature of the agenda will be a "track" for junior staff members who are wondering about how to advance their careers in student affairs. For additional information, contact Mike Lopez at mike.lopez@so.mnscu.edu or Monica Surrency at monica.surrency@so.mnscu.edu.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Minnesota State Colleges & Universities is pleased to announce that the Assignment Calculator tool and the LibData tool, developed by the University of Minnesota, will be made available at no charge to MnSCU institutions. Hosting for these services will be provided by St. Cloud State University. Please review these tools and see if your institution is interested in deploying them. If you have further questions or are interested in deploying these tools for your institution, please contact Keith Ewing at St. Cloud State at kewing@stcloudstate.edu. Once we know the number of institutions that want to use these tools, training will be scheduled.

Assignment Calculator provides students with a basic time line and framework for writing papers. After typing in a due-date, the Assignment Calculator displays a list of tasks needed to be accomplished, the dates on which these tasks need to be completed, and links to tutorials and instruction sheets that can help students progress. The outline can link directly to subject resources provided through LibData (see "step 6" on SCSU or UM examples).

Examples

Mankato: <http://libdatascsu.stcloudstate.edu/mankato/assignmentcalc/>

St. Cloud State: <http://libdata.stcloudstate.edu/assignmentcalc/>

University of Minnesota: <http://www.lib.umn.edu/help/calculator/>

LibData contains three aspects to LibData: Research QuickStart (Metro State calls this JumpStart)--a subject guide to resources; CourseLib (SCSU calls this Course QuickStart)--resources tailored to specific classes; PageScribe--resources tailored to any specific purpose

All run on a central database of resources, but can be presented with different headers and footers and with different layouts. Annotations for resources can be edited for specific subjects. LibData provides usage statistics.

Examples

Mankato: <http://libdatascsu.stcloudstate.edu/mankato/> (hosted by SCSU; a virtual domain unrelated to SCSU can be used for the URL)

St. Cloud State: <http://research.stcloudstate.edu/> (SCSU local server)

Metro State: <http://jumpstart.metrostate.edu/subjects.phtml> (Metro State local server)

St. Ben's & St. John's: <http://library.csbsju.edu/> (hosted by SCSU; this is a virtual URL)

University of Minnesota: <http://www.lib.umn.edu/libdata/subjects.phtml> (UM local server)

Minnesota--Morris: <http://quickstart.morris.umn.edu/> (UMM local server)

The generic MnSCU interface for Research QuickStart and Assignment Calculator can be found at <http://libdatatest.stcloudstate.edu/libdatatest>. Most of this interface is still empty, but serves as a good starting point for those libraries interested.

WHAT'S NEW WITH TRANSFER? (November-January 2006)

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Minnesota State University – Circuit Connection Newsletter

- http://www.mntransfer.org/TSInfo/2005_06SUNews.html

St. Cloud State University – Accelerated Nursing Program

- <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/news/scsunow/default.asp?pubID=1&issueID=12835&storyID=17177>

State Universities Transfer Circuit for Academic Year 2005-2006

- The Minnesota State Universities/Community College Transfer Circuit for Academic Year 2005-2006 has been added to MnTransfer at http://www.mntransfer.org/TSInfo/SUTransferCircuit2005_06.html.

- **** Articulation Agreements ****

MnSCU institutions: Please review your listings of articulation agreements and send updates as appropriate. The articulation agreements are posted on MnTransfer at <http://www.mntransfer.org/Agreements/Institution/TA-Institutions.html>.

NEW FAQs

http://www.mntransfer.org/TSInfo/faqs_ts.html

New questions regarding the following topics have been added to FAQs for Transfer Specialists as follows: **“Bible College to MnSCU Community College to State University, Concurrent Enrollment, Duluth Business University, ECE Transcripts, Posting Transfer Credits to Specific Term, Transfer of Online Courses, and Sylvan Learning Centers.”**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS UPDATED ON MNTRANSFER.ORG

<http://www.mntransfer.org/Agreements/Institution/TA-Institutions.html>

Alexandria Technical College:

- Updated agreement with:
Metropolitan State University: E-Commerce Web Developer AAS to Computer Information Systems BA, Individualized Professional Studies AS to Individualized BA, and Law Enforcement AAS to Law Enforcement BS.

Mesabi Range Community and Technical College:

- Updated agreement with:
Bemidji State University: Biology AS to Biology BA/BS.

Metropolitan State University:

- Updated agreements with:
Alexandria Technical College: Child Development AAS to Early Childhood Studies BAS, Child Development AAS to Psychology BA and Electronic Commerce Web Developer AAS to Computer Information Systems Major.
Hennepin Technical College: Information Technology Audit AAS to Organizational Administration BAS and Business Analyst AAS to Organizational Administration BAS.
Minneapolis Community and Technical College: Accounting Technician AAS to Organizational Administration BAS.

Minnesota State University, Mankato:

- Update agreements with:
Dakota County Technical College: Exercise and Sport Science to Physical Education BS (Non-Teaching, Exercise Science Option).
Inver Hills Community College: Art AFA to Art BFA.
Minneapolis Community and Technical College: Art AFA to Art BFA.
Normandale Community College: Dietetic Technician AAS to Family Consumer Science, Dietetics Option BS and Elementary Education AS to Elementary Education BS.

ADA Accredited: Dental Hygiene AS to Dental Hygiene BS.

Chaska ISD: English 101, German 101, and Spanish 101.

St. James ISD: Psychology 101, Speech 102, and Spanish 101.

United South Central ISD: English Literature 110, English Composition 101, and Psychology 101.

COURSE EQUIVALENCY TABLES

<http://www.mntransfer.org/Tables/CourseEquivalency.html>

University of St. Thomas (credits from St. Cloud State University).

****** Institutions are updating their course equivalency tables through MNCAS. Visit MNCAS at www.mncas.org to see Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota's dynamic course equivalency tables.**

TRANSFER GUIDES UPDATED ON MNTRANSFER.ORG

<http://www.mntransfer.org/Tables/CourseEquivalency.html>

Normandale Community College

North Dakota State University
Northwestern College
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota – Liberal Education
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of North Dakota

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ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR MINNESOTA (ELM)

MINITEX is delighted to announce the new Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) Portal at www.elm4you.org/

ELM gives Minnesota residents online access to magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, eBooks (electronic books), and information from other reference sources in virtually all subject areas. ELM resources, primarily periodical aggregator databases, were selected based on their excellent broad subject and title coverage, freeing libraries to spend local funds on unique resources appropriate for patrons' needs. ELM has something for everyone!

The new ELM portal offers Minnesotans:

- A single point of access to all of the ELM databases
- Easy authentication via public library barcode number
- A special section for kids' and teens' resources
- A new "Publication Title List" that lists each title in ELM alphabetically and by subject - users can quickly locate and link to publications of interest!
- Links to MnLINK, the Minnesota Digital Library, Minnesota North Star, and public libraries in the state
- Help tips and tutorials for each database
- FAQs and help for more information about ELM

ELM has something for everyone:

- ELM includes thousands of magazines, journals, newspapers, and eBooks that are appropriate for users of all ages and interests.
- Public library patrons will find titles such as Consumer Reports, People, USA Today, Time, Fortune, Magazine Antiques, Popular Mechanics, Sports Illustrated, Harvard Business Review and thousands of other titles perfect for the general public.
- Kids and teens can use ELM for homework projects. They can find literary criticisms, timelines, images, biographies, dictionary excerpts and more in every subject area.
- College and university students, researchers and faculty can use ELM to find thousands of scholarly journals in virtually every subject area.

There are three ways to access ELM:

1. Point your users to www.elm4you.org <blocked::http://www.elm4you.org/> for easy access to all ELM databases!
2. Point your users directly into the native vendor interfaces via your own account links (links and set-up details can be found at <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/cpers/elm/access.asp> <blocked::http://www.minitex.umn.edu/cpers/elm/access.asp>).
3. Point your users to the MnLINK Gateway at www.mnlinkgateway.org <blocked::http://www.mnlinkgateway.org/> to cross-search catalogs and many of the ELM databases. ELM-online all the time from school, home, work, or @ your library!
ELM is brought to you by your local library or school media center, the MINITEX Library Information Network, and State Library Services and School Technology, the Minnesota state library agency, with state appropriations to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the Minnesota Department of Education, and federal LSTA funds under the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For help with ELM set-up and access, please contact Christine Kline at MINITEX at <[blocked::mailto:kline119@umn.edu](mailto:kline119@umn.edu)> kline119@umn.edu or 800-462-5348.

For help with ELM training, please contact Beth Staats at MINITEX at <[blocked::mailto:fried004@umn.edu](mailto:fried004@umn.edu)> fried004@umn.edu or 800-462-5348.

DR. DEBORAH PROCTOR

Dr. Deborah Proctor was appointed in November 2005 to The Higher Learning Commission's Peer Review Corps as a PEAQ Consultant-Evaluator (CE) and an AQIP Systems Portfolio Appraiser. Proctor is e-Curriculum Director for Academic innovations / Minnesota Online.

WCET OPPORTUNITY

WCET 18th Annual Conference

Blazing the E-Learning Trail: Forging New Ways to Learn

Call for Conference Proposals

<http://conference.wcet.info/call>

Share your latest thinking in innovations in e-learning with over 400 distance learning professionals at WCET's 18th Annual Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, November 1-4, 2006! WCET is looking for over 150 presenters to engage attendees in interesting discussions of new ideas and directions. The deadline to submit is February 10, 2006. For more information about the Call for Proposals or about the conference, contact Rachel Dammann at 303.541.0233. <http://www.centers.project.mnscu.edu/>

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