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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

SACS On-Site Review Committee to Visit Marymount This Week

This week, the University will welcome members of the On-Site Review Committee as the final step in Marymount's SACS reaffirmation of accreditation process.

The committee visit will take place Tuesday, February 19, through Thursday, February 21. The visitors will meet with various individuals and groups to learn more about the University's proposed Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), known as DISCOVER.

The final installment of *InsideMU's* four-part series on the University's QEP, on page 3 of this issue, includes the visiting committee's schedule. Those administrators, faculty, and staff members who will be involved in formal meetings with the committee have been notified.

If you are not participating in an official meeting but happen to meet our guests informally, please greet them warmly and show your Marymount spirit!

FYI University to Offer New Employee Assistance Program

HR Services invites all Marymount faculty and staff to learn about the University's new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) on Tuesday, February 26, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Auditorium.

At this gathering, the new program and its services will be introduced. These services will include traditional face-to-face counseling, as well as a comprehensive Internet site featuring information on health, family, parenting, money management, and work/life balance issues. In addition, the program will offer access to financial and legal

services, a library of self-help materials, and resources for older adults.

For more information, contact **Bing Hobson**, director, HR Services, ext. 1617.

Upcoming Faculty Professional Development Opportunities

Reminder: Faculty Development Grant Applications Due Soon

If you are a faculty member planning to seek a Faculty Development Grant, your application and materials are due to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost by Wednesday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

Faculty Workshop Available on Federal Grant Support Options

Trying to navigate the process of seeking federal funding for a project? Grants.gov is the primary source for finding and applying for federal grant support. However, while packed with important and helpful information, it is a site that can be confusing.

Get help and learn more about grants.gov at a hands-on, interactive workshop on Wednesday, February 20, from 10 to 11 a.m., in Computer Lab #6 of St. Joseph Hall. **Doris Lyons**, grants consultant, will lead the workshop, co-sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Participants will learn how to find funding opportunities that are consistent with their interests and how to register to submit applications.

In order to ensure that there are enough computers for all attendees, please reserve a space by calling ext. 5761 or e-mailing teaching@marymount.edu.

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *InsideMU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

Stations of the Cross Offered

During Lent, the Marymount community is invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross. The Stations will be prayed every Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel through March 14, except during the Friday of Spring Break, March 7.

Events for Poetry Enthusiasts

Anniversary Poetry Reading

Students and faculty members will read from their works at the annual Anniversary Poetry Reading this Wednesday, February 20, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Lee Reception Room of the Reinsch Library.

Among those reading will be winners of the student poetry contest. The event is free and open to the entire University community.

“Songs from the Karakachani”

Dr. Hollynd Karapetkova, assistant professor of Literature and Languages, will present “Songs from the Karakachani – A Sequence of Poems,” Wednesday, February 27, at 5 p.m. in the Reinsch Library Auditorium.

The work is original poetry inspired by the lost culture of the Karakachani, a nomadic Balkan tribe that has been assimilated into modern-day Greece and Bulgaria. Dr. Karapetkova will also discuss the tribe’s history and culture and how they have inspired the images and themes in her poetry. She teaches poetry and drama at the Rhodopi International Theater Collective in Bulgaria during the summer months.

The reading and discussion is free and open to the Marymount community.

Dip into Deeper Waters

The next meeting of the discussion group Deeper Waters will focus on the fourth and fifth chapters of the book *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI.

The group will meet Friday, February 22, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Campus Ministry Lounge of The Lodge.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Zary Mostashari, dean and professor of Library and Learning Services, attended the American Library Association’s Midwinter Conference in Philadelphia. While there, she co-chaired and led a discussion group on women administrators for the Library Administration and Management Association. Her presentation was entitled “Leaders, Not Managers.”

Liz Messman, associate professor of Developmental Studies and senior learning specialist, Learning Resource Center, recently spoke with juniors and seniors at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria about study skills needed for academic success in college. The students were all participants in Project Discovery, a college-preparatory program for low-income and first-generation college students.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Congratulations to **Bill Finney**, athletic director and women’s basketball coach, for achieving his 500th career win when the Saints defeated Wesley College in Delaware on February 6.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Elizabeth Bedford, assistant professor of Applied Arts (elizabeth.bedford@marymount.edu)

Abby Bullinger, academic advisor, Academic Success Center (ext. 6994; abby.bullinger@marymount.edu)

Suzanne Carson, part-time access services associate, Library and Learning Services (ext. 6828; suzanne.carson@marymount.edu)

James Fussell, access services associate, Library and Learning Services (ext. 5947 or 6837; james.fussell@marymount.edu)

Sharonda Jones, administrative secretary, Office of Housing and Residence Life (ext. 1608; sharonda.jones@marymount.edu)

Dr. Judith Morris, assistant professor of Communications (ext. 1678; judith.morris@marymount.edu)

Jose Nizama, shuttle driver, Campus Safety and Transportation (ext. 1600; jose.nizama@marymount.edu)

Antwan Weston, admissions counselor, Office of Admissions (ext. 1503; antwan.weston@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Erin Bain has been promoted from a senior associate director to the director of the Marymount Fund, Office of Development.

Wallace Hinson has been promoted to the evening shift shuttle supervisor for the Office of Campus Safety and Transportation

EVENTS

February 20 — Men’s and women’s basketball vs. Salisbury, Verizon Sports Arena; women at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m.

February 23 — Men’s and women’s basketball vs. York, Verizon Sports Arena; women at 2 p.m., men at 4 p.m.



This is the final installment of a four-part series on DISCOVER, Marymount's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Part IV: The Time Has Come... The SACS On-Site Review Committee To Visit and Review Marymount's QEP

This week, February 19-21, a number of distinguished academic professionals from across the country will gather at Marymount to meet with University administrators and other select groups about our Quality Enhancement Plan – DISCOVER – and the University's reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools–Commission on Colleges. (SACS–COC)

Members of the committee that will be visiting are **Dr. Susan S. Gunby** (chair) dean and professor, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA; **Sr. Linda M. Bevilacqua**, president, Barry University, Miami, FL; **Dr. Mary Crowe** (QEP evaluator), director, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of North Carolina–Greensboro, Greensboro, NC; **Dr. R. Joel Farrell II**, professor and director, Center for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL; **Sr. Grace Mary Flickinger**, professor, Biology Department, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA; **Dr. Fred W. Rhodes**, vice president for Student Affairs, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY; **Dr. Nancy W. Shankle**, chair, Department of English, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX; and **Dr. Cheryl D. Cardell**, vice president, SACS Commission on Colleges (COC Staff Representative). Accompanying the committee will be two observers: **Ms. Marci S. Johns**, Legal Studies director/associate professor of Legal Studies, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL; and **Dr. Belle S. Wheelan**, president, Commission on Colleges.

The committee's schedule

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Dr. Shankle and Sr. Grace Mary Flickinger visit MU's Reston Center
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Committee Orientation Meeting at the Westin Arlington Gateway
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Committee meets on campus with Dr. Bundschuh for institutional overview
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Committee meets with QEP Implementation Committee
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Committee continues its meetings on campus

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Meetings with selected administrative officers on campus
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Committee meets with QEP Implementation Committee
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Focused group discussions pertaining to the QEP
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Committee members meet with members of Board of Trustees
11:00 a.m. - Noon	Committee campus interviews, as scheduled
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon with Marymount students about QEP (by invitation only)
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon with Marymount faculty about QEP (by invitation only)
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon with Marymount staff about QEP (by invitation only)
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Committee members continue reviews on campus
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Committee meets to discuss findings

Thursday, February 21

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Committee completes its report
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Dr. Gunby and Dr. Cardell meet with Dr. Bundschuh, Westin Hotel
11:00 - Noon	Committee exit conference, Westin Hotel (by invitation only)