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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Kluck selected as MSU facilities director

Roger Kluck has been named the new director of facilities at Minot State University. Kluck has been the Ward County highway engineer and county park supervisor since 2002. Prior to that, he was the owner/manager of the Wold Engineering Office in Minot for 12 years. Kluck will begin at MSU on Jan. 16.



“Mr. Kluck brings with him a wealth of experience in areas needed by MSU. Notable strengths cited by the committee included his background in engineering and management experience,” said Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance and supervisor. “It also will be positive for Minot State University to have representation through Roger on many of the community boards and organizations in which he is involved.”

“I applied for the position because it looked like an exciting challenge, and I have had an interest in working in higher education,” said Kluck. “I am looking forward to working with the great people in plant services, President David Fuller and Vice President Dorn to implement long-term planning that will benefit students and help support MSU’s strategic plan, Vision 2013.”

Kluck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University. He is currently a registered professional engineer in North Dakota and Minnesota. He is a past board member of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the chamber’s Infrastructure Committee since 1990, and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Ward County Emergency Resource Council.

Three finalists from Minot, including Kluck, interviewed at MSU during late November and early December. Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs, chaired the search. He was assisted by an advisory committee comprised of students, faculty and staff.

MSU announces holiday schedule

The university will observe a holiday schedule for the dates of Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, according to Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance. The university will operate on those dates with minimal staffing that includes essential employees. Offices will be allowed to be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and on New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31. Normal scheduling in accordance with the North Dakota University System calendar would have offices closing at noon on Dec. 24 and open the full day on Dec. 31. Employees with available annual leave are encouraged to take the days off (unless they are required by supervisors to work as essential employees). However, employees who elect not to take leave must report for work or make other arrangements with supervisors for working those days. If supervisors or employees have any questions about the holiday schedule, please contact the Office of Human Resources.

Dec. 12, 2007

Spring Convocation slated Jan. 7

President David Fuller will convene Spring Convocation Jan. 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center.

George Kuh, Ph.D., director of the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University in Bloomington, will describe the Documenting Effective Educational Practice (DEEP) project and explain the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Minot State University results. All faculty and staff should plan on attending the opening session from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. All academic departments and other non-academic department staff with direct student contact should participate in the 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 1 to 2:50 p.m. meetings.

The convocation will address important goals and strategies of engagement crucial to the success of our students and Vision 2013. Our interaction with Kuh will give us a better sense of why an engaged campus is important, what a fully engaged campus should look like, and how we should proceed to become a distinctive university of engagement and place.

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Richard J. McCallum named president of Dickinson State University

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education named Richard J. McCallum, Ph.D., president of Dickinson State University on Dec. 5 in Dickinson.

McCallum is vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Mo. He received a doctorate in education in 1982 and a master's degree in education in 1976, both from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb., in 1971.

"The State Board of Higher Education was very impressed by Dr. McCallum's vision for the future of Dickinson State University," said John Q. Paulsen, SBHE president. "He understands the rich history of Dickinson State University and the importance of DSU to its students, the community, the region and the state of North Dakota.

"Our board deeply appreciates the excellent work of chairwoman Pamela Kostelecky and the Dickinson State University presidential search committee. Thanks to them, we interviewed two outstanding finalists for this position," Paulsen said.

The second finalist interviewed by the SBHE was Bruce W. Speck, Ph.D. One of the three finalists, Joseph W. Bascuas, Ph.D., a former president of Medaille College, Buffalo, N.Y., withdrew from the search Dec. 4, citing personal and family reasons.

McCallum will be paid an annual salary of \$165,000 under the terms of a two-year contract. He will begin April 1, 2008.

Symphony performs family concert Jan. 26

At their family concert Jan. 26, the Minot Symphony Orchestra is collaborating with the Western Plains Children's Choir in a performance of Serge Prokofiev's "Winter Bonfire," something to guarantee a warm evening in the middle of winter. Music from the Harry Potter movies will also make an appearance on this program designed for the enjoyment of the entire family. Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, is the orchestra's conductor.

MSU faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$15 per concert or \$50 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is \$13 single, \$45 season; students 12-18, \$8 single, \$24 season; children, ages under 12, \$4 single, \$12 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Foundation opens graduate scholarship competition

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is now accepting nominations for its Graduate Scholarship Program, one of the largest and most competitive scholarship programs in the country. College seniors at more than 2,000 accredited institutions in America, including Minot State University, and alumni who have graduated from those institutions since May 2003, may compete for the scholarships. The foundation will award the graduate scholarships in early summer 2008 for use during the 2008-2009 academic year and will renew each award in subsequent years based on performance. Last year, the foundation awarded 34 scholarships. The campus deadline for applying is Feb. 1. Application materials are available on the foundation's Web site at (www.jackkentcookefoundation.org). Information may be obtained from Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs, who is the foundation faculty representative at MSU. Cresap can be reached at 858-3316 or (linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu).

One informational session about studying abroad remains

The Office of International Programs has one more informational session about studying abroad scheduled. This meeting will be held Jan. 9 in the space in front of the OIP, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Announcements

Notice to campus about signage

Minot State University faculty and staff: We have been seeking advice and guidance from others regarding the potential MSU signage on Broadway this past year before and during the North Broadway project. The master plan architects have suggested and proposed a variety of options. Others on campus and off campus have offered their suggestions, which have ranged from tall electronic marquees to granite monument signs.

For those of you interested or concerned about this decision, I would invite you to stop by my office to look at the latest proposal and to offer your thoughts about it. Walter Piehl, one of our artists and senior faculty members, has offered a drawing of a rendition of a structure and design that is well worth our consideration.

Again, if you are interested, please stop by and look at the design and offer us your thoughts. At some point in the next couple of months we will hope to select a design. Thank you.

—David Fuller, president of Minot State University

Fall 2007 grades due Dec. 17

Faculty: Grade rosters have been generated, and grades will be due for the fall term at noon on Dec. 17

Please remember that you are entering the final grades, so make sure you are on the final grade roster, not the midterm grade roster. Also, after you have entered your grades, click the Save button, then change the roster status from Not Reviewed to Approved and click the Save button again.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 858-3345.

—*Tania Balas, registrar*

Title III Grant proposal open forums scheduled for Jan. 8

On Jan. 8 Bill Campbell, Ph.D., director of grants and research at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Minot State University's external consultant for the Title III Grant application, will facilitate two open forums to discuss MSU's pending application for a Title III Grant. Forums will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Conference Center.

During the forums, Campbell will provide an overview of the Title III project proposal process and discuss our underlying theme, student and faculty retention. Our general project is to design, develop and launch a Center for Engagement in Teaching and Learning; and these forums are designed primarily to solicit input from faculty and staff regarding ideas for student services, faculty professional development, and engagement in alignment with Vision 2013 strategies.

Please plan to join us at one or both times to learn more about the project and share your ideas. For more information, contact Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs, at 858-3250 or linda.cresap@minotstateu.edu.

Drug and alcohol campus notification

Drug and alcohol abuse affects the health, safety, and well-being of all employees and students at Minot State University. In efforts to combat the negative consequences associated with drug and alcohol abuse, MSU complies with all state and federal laws regarding drug and alcohol policies (North Dakota State Board of Education policy governing alcohol use on campus, the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Public Law 100-690 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226).

For questions or concerns regarding the policies listed above or questions regarding alcohol and drug abuse, contact MSU's campus counselor, Nancy Mickelson at 858-3371 or via e-mail at nancy.mickelson@minotstateu.edu. Thank you.

—*Nancy Mickelson, campus counselor,
Student Health and Development Center*

Spring break opportunity with Lutheran Campus Ministry

The Lutheran Campus Ministry is sponsoring a spring break trip to New Orleans from March 1 to 9. We are helping with the continued cleanup after Hurricane Katrina.

The cost will be \$150 per person. People with construction experience are needed; and non-skilled workers are welcome as well.

If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Tim Eighmy at 839-3949 or at campusministry.com

RCJC wins holiday decorating contest again

Congratulations to the Rural Crime & Justice Center for winning the 2007 Holiday Decorating Contest. We would like to thank all participants for their hard work and beautiful displays!

—*Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest Committee*

In the galleries

Dec. 12-Jan. 4—Works from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Dec. 12-31—"Visions of Blackness," Breon Waters II, Library Gallery.

The public reception for the Breon Waters II exhibit is tonight, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

Dec. 12-Jan. 13, 2008

December

12-13 Final exams in second eight-week classes.

12-31 NAC exhibit: "Visions of Blackness," Breon Waters II, Olson Library Gallery.

12-Jan. 4 NAC exhibit: works from the MSU permanent collection, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

12 – NAC: public reception for Breon Waters II exhibit, Library Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

13 Compensation Task Force, Jones Room, noon.

14 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.

14 Men's Club Hockey vs. MSU-Bottineau, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.

14-Jan. 4 Winter recess from classes.

15 Men's Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College, Dome, 5 p.m.

15 Men's Club Hockey at MSU-Bottineau.

15 Women's Basketball at Rocky Mountain College.

15 Institute of Dance and Ballet by Rinat Mouzafarov presents "Gloria the Christmas Angel," Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.



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- 16 Institute of Dance and Ballet by Rinat Mouzafarov presents "Gloria the Christmas Angel," Nelson Hall, 2 p.m.
- 17 Grades must be entered by noon.
- 17 Board of Regents holiday social, Beaver Dam, Student Center, 5 p.m.
- 18 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 19 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 25 Holiday, Christmas, university closed.
- 28-29 Women's Basketball vs. U. of Lethbridge, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 28-30 Men's Basketball at U. of Winnipeg tournament.

January

- 4 CONNECT: new student orientation and registration, call 858-3350 for information.
- 4-5 Men's Club Hockey at U. of Oklahoma.
- 5 Financial Aid information session, Conference Center, 10 a.m.
- 5 Men's Basketball vs. Presentation College, Dome, 7 p.m.
- 6 Men's Club Hockey at U. of Central Oklahoma.
- 7 President's Convocation, Conference Center, 8 a.m.
- 7 Spring 2008 Minot Public Schools student teachers meeting, Westlie Room, 10:15 a.m.
- 7 Classes begin after 4 p.m.

- 7-Feb. 19 NAC exhibit: "Formed Paper Sculptures" by James W. Coates Jr., Americas 2000: Paper Works, Best of Show, Library Gallery.
- 8 First full day of classes.
- 8 Title III grant proposal open forums, Conference Center, 8-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m.
- 9 Study abroad information session, second floor Student Center, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 10 First eight-week classes: last day to add first eight-week classes.
- 10 First eight-week classes: last day to drop or withdraw from classes and receive 100% refund.
- 10 NAC lecture: "Speaking Your Mind: Public Oratory and the Performing Arts in Twentieth Century America" by Robert Littlefield, NDSU, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 11 Fall 2008 student teaching applications due to Field Placement Office.
- 11 Beaver Boosters luncheon, Sevens Restaurant, noon.
- 11 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Dakota State U., Dome, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Mayville State U., Dome, 4 and 6 p.m.
- 13 International Artist Series: Linda Wang, violinist, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.