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THE TROUBADOUR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

As discussions continue regarding our current budget challenges, I would like to take a moment to update you on recent developments as well as dispel some of the rumors that have made their way around our community.

Our Business Office has worked hard in recent months to finalize a budget that meets our needs but also addresses economic realities. However, it is important to bring as many voices as possible to these discussions, as there are many untapped ideas and strategies I am certain we could utilize.

To that end, I am announcing the formation of a new budget committee that will be comprised of representatives of major faculty, staff and administrative constituencies, including Information Technology, Student Affairs, Human Resources, the Business Office, and deans. Four additional faculty representatives will be appointed upon the recommendation of Dan Scholz, chair of our Religious Studies department and chair of Faculty Senate.

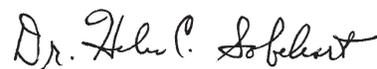
The committee will be charged with thoroughly reviewing our current budget situation and provide recommendations on how we can balance the budget throughout 2010, so that the University can operate with a small surplus in the 2010-2011 budget. The recommendations will be due to me by the end of this calendar year.

I eagerly anticipate the conclusions of this committee, which will provide a new perspective to our budget challenges.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to address a rumor that is circulating campus. The rumor suggests that furlough days will be instituted when the University closes for Christmas break Dec. 24-Jan. 1. This is absolutely not true. The new committee mentioned above will make recommendations on how to best achieve our budget goals. Even **IF** some voluntary furlough days are recommended, the financial impact of that option would be spread out over the remainder of the fiscal year.

I thank you for your patience as we apply our collective talents to address the budget challenges. Rest assured that we will continue to update you on this work through *The Troubadour*, and I deeply appreciate your steadfast dedication to Stritch and its mission during these uncertain times.

Blessings,



Helen

PRESIDENT DR. HELEN SOBEHART ACTIVE IN MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY AND ABROAD

Partnership agreement signed with University of Augsburg, Germany

Stritch President Dr. Helen C. Sobehart has been very active in the Milwaukee community since arriving from her native Pittsburgh in July 2008, garnering two recent awards.

Last week, she was honored by Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services with a Legacy Award for her international work promoting access to basic education as a way for women and minorities to break down social barriers and attain community leadership roles. The award was presented at a luncheon at the Joel Read Rotunda & Conference Center at Alverno College. This Friday, she will receive the Legacy Foundation's Educator of the Year award for "the tremendous leadership role you and your outstanding Leadership Team have displayed as positive change agents in our community."

Since arriving in Milwaukee, Dr. Sobehart has joined the Leadership Cabinet of the United Way, the County Ethics Board, and the boards of the Public Policy Forum and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. She also serves on the TEMPO Mentoring Committee, Homeless Children's Fund of Pittsburgh and the International Commonwealth Council for Education and Management.

"It has been very important to me since I first arrived in Milwaukee to establish relationships in the community that would allow Stritch to become more connected in meaningful ways to the many good works happening here," she said. "In light of both our Franciscan value of the year, creating a caring community, and the challenges we all face in an ever-changing and complicated world, these relationships are increasingly important. I am blessed to be involved with such wonderful organizations."

In addition to her local service, Dr. Sobehart recently chaired the second International Conference of Women Leading Education Across Continents in Augsburg, Germany. The conference was entitled "Gender and Education – Towards New Strategies of Leadership and Power."

Dr. Sobehart is a continuing chair of Women Leading

Education Across the Continents, an international group of scholars who study and provide information about the status of women in educational leadership positions, both in basic and higher education. She edited a book, "Sharing the Spirit, Fanning the Flame: Women Leading Education Across the Continents," that features her colleagues

from numerous countries around the world.

Stritch co-sponsored the conference in Germany with the American Association of School Administrators, the University Council for Education Administration's Women's Special Interest Group, and the University of Augsburg. It brought together educators from around the globe to examine the status of women in K-12 and higher education leadership.

While in Germany, Dr. Sobehart also signed a partnership agreement between Stritch and the University of Augsburg for faculty/student exchange programs and collaborative research.

"I believe that Stritch will benefit immensely from this partnership, which will allow our students and faculty to enrich their academic experiences and gain new perspectives on issues of critical importance in education and other areas," she said.



Dr. Sobehart (second from left) is pictured with (L-R) Dr. Eileen Schwalbach, president, Mount Mary College; Peg Palmer, executive director, Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services; David Harvey, president and CEO, ProLiteracy; Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas, dean, Pre-College Education, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Roxane Theisen Kapp, past president, Executive Women International; and Dr. Mary J. Meehan, president, Alverno College.

OIT LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE

Security alerts, policy documents among resources housed there

The Office of Information Technology launched a new Web site today to disseminate important information to the Stritch community about the department including policies, alerts, and other material.

The new site can be found at <http://oit.stritch.edu>. The site represents a comprehensive Web presence for the Office of Information Technology, which had been spread across a multitude of sites. The site contains information about University technology and equipment, the Library, classroom support, training, and other resources. Most significantly, faculty, staff and students are directed to check this site for information regarding online security alerts. In recent months, phishing attacks on the University have become increasingly complex. Alerting the campus community about e-mail phishing attacks through e-mail is becoming inherently problematic.

As a result, if the validity of an e-mail is in question, check the alerts section on the top right corner of <http://oit.stritch.edu>. OIT reminds everyone that it will never ask for an individual's password or sensitive information such as accounts or birth date via e-mail.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and OIT is launching an intensive effort to educate students, faculty and staff about proper procedures and best practices to safeguard their identity online. Posters and other information will be shared throughout the month to increase awareness.

Revised OIT policy documents can also be found on the site. In particular, students, faculty and staff are all required to review and become familiar with the "Acceptable Use" policy document. Click on "Security and Policy" on the left-hand quick links section, and then "Acceptable Use Policy." This document contains important information about proper use of University-owned computers, software, e-mail, phones, and other equipment.

The "Acceptable Use" policy is intended to reinforce the expectation that individuals should exercise reasonable and responsible behavior in the use of the University's resources.



REMINDER: FERPA POLICY REVIEW REQUIRED OF ALL FACULTY AND STAFF

The University has implemented an annual review of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) policy to ensure everyone stays current with any revisions.

Faculty and staff are required to log in to <https://my.stritch.edu> annually, re-read the FERPA confidentiality policy and acknowledge that they have done so.

As of this week, 33 percent of faculty and 22 percent of staff have not read and acknowledged the policy, and must do so by Oct. 15, 2009.

The revised FERPA policy will appear automatically after you log in to My Stritch. You will be prompted to click "accept" after you read the policy. If you have already acknowledged the policy, the message will not appear. Those employees who have been hired since Aug. 1, 2009 and signed the new FERPA policy are exempt.

Questions should be directed to the Help Desk at ext. 4600.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 2

Dave & Carole Live from Stritch

5-10 a.m.

Student Union

FREE

WKLH 96.5 radio hosts Dave and Carole will broadcast their morning show live from Stritch and interact with students and others. Free coffee and donuts will be available, as well as an hourly raffle for students, including prizes like an iPod Nano and gift certificates to the Stritch Bookstore or iTunes.



Friday, Oct. 2

Cookout and Concerts

5:30 p.m.

Parking Lot 3

Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center

Cost: \$15

Join us for a cookout and concerts! Enjoy student bands competing in the final "Battle of the Bands." At 8 p.m., Milwaukee favorite King Solomon will take the stage, infusing Bonaventure Hall with reggae! Cost includes food, two drinks and a ticket to the concert. RSVP at www.stritch.edu/homecoming.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Roundtables and Bagels

9 a.m.

Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center

FREE

Hosted by Career Services, Roundtables and Bagels is an informal event that will feature roundtables, each with a different topic of conversation related to different industries and trends. Topics include entrepreneurship, managing personal finance, job search and resume tips and trends, non-profit leadership, electronic networking, and marketing international travel experience. You will have the opportunity to partake in three roundtables. Each table will be hosted by alumni, or future alumni experts. RSVP at www.stritch.edu/homecoming.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Hall of Fame Induction Brunch

10 a.m.

Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center

Cost: \$20

Join us as we induct five new members into the Stritch Hall of Fame: Angela Balistreri (Women's Soccer 1996-99), Lars Gloessner (Men's Basketball, 2001-03), Christina (Nagel) Potvin (Women's Volleyball, 1994-97), Mary (Placzkowski) Knetter (Women's Basketball, 1995-98) and Katie Walczak (Softball, 2001-04). RSVP at www.stritch.edu/homecoming.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Blessing of the Animals

1 p.m.

On the grass between Duns Scotus Hall and the Union patio, next to Parking Lot #3

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, Father Jim Gannon, OFM, will bless companion animals of all shapes and sizes. Dogs must be leashed and cats and any other small animals should be brought in a cage or pet carrier. Everyone will receive a small gift. The Wisconsin Humane Society will be part of the celebration, providing educational information and fun activities. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to an adjacent covered walkway.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Feast Day of St. Francis

Mass, 4 p.m.

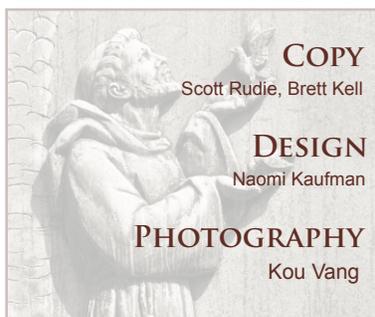
**Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center
Bonaventure Hall**

This special Mass will feature the Stritch Choir and the blessing and sending of the 2009 faculty/staff Assisi pilgrims.

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