

School of Education

Today is September 19, 2014

Updates

1. Marcia Keyser is this year's chair of the University Curriculum Committee. Among other things this year, they will be tackling a re-review of all values and ethics AOI courses.
2. Catherine Gillespie will be representing Drake SOE at the University of KwaZulu Natal in Durban, South Africa from September 26-October 5. She will be working on making faculty research collaborations and checking out opportunities for student exchanges.
3. The State Board of Education met yesterday to approve revisions in Chapter 79, which will affect accreditation requirements for all licensure areas (teaching, counseling, and leadership). Stay tuned for details.

Spotlight

Senator Tom Harkin has announced that Drake University will receive a U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services grant for Rehabilitation Counseling and Long Term Training. This grant is funded at approximately \$200,000 per year for an anticipated five years, totaling nearly \$1,000,000! Drake University will use this funding for long-term training funds to provide a Masters of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling with an emphasis in employer development. Of the total amount, Drake will use \$150,000 (75%) each year to fund student stipends. This amount will allow the Drake School of Education to assist an average of 15-16 students per year. This average is based upon an anticipated mix of full-time and part-time students.

As Project Director, Dr. Robert Stensrud will administer the grant and teach courses that are part of the required curriculum. Dr. Matt Bruinekool will also devote his time assisting with the management of the grant and teaching a grant-specific course.

This project will have a national impact by partnering with the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation to create and support a national clearinghouse for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to create and support a national clearinghouse for VR agencies that will match students with open Internships, graduate with open jobs, Rehabilitation Services Administration scholars with mentors, and bring national speakers into classrooms via distance education technology. This service and the degree program will be sustained after project completion so VR professionals can receive Continuing Education Units for their assistance in student supervision, mentoring, onboarding, and guest speaking to classes.

Congratulations, Bob and Matt on this noteworthy accomplishment!!

Blogs of interest

1. Blog on class size
<http://jjsquared640.blogspot.com/2014/09/class-size-can-it-impact-learning.html>

Reminders

1. STEM kits are available for checkout from Lisa Morlock or Sarah Derry in the garden level of the SOE.
2. J-term process: ALL courses (even ones that have been previously approved) have to go through department on October 7 and to the SOE curriculum committee at 1 pm on October 28.
3. SOE committee review: nominations and voting for SOE committees is scheduled for the October 28 faculty meeting.

Invitations

1. Clarke University invites faculty and students to a one-day conference on October 4 entitled Teaching in the Wild. The cost is \$30 for pre-service teachers and \$80 for faculty members and other educational professionals. Registration can be completed online at <http://www.clarke.edu/page.aspx?id=22012>
2. Please join The Children's Policy Coalition at the State Capitol for a press event as we Step Up for Kids! There will be speakers on key childhood policy issues. There will also be free t-shirts, bumper stickers and information about kids and the election!
Tuesday, Sept 23rd,

2. Three new scientific findings about happiness
<http://www.inc.com/jessica-stillman/3-new-scientific-findings-about-happiness.html?cid=sf01001>
3. Flipped learning
http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/09/two-incredibly-useful-videos-on-flipped.html?utm_content=buffer71d19&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer&m=1
4. Laptops in class
<http://larrycuban.wordpress.com/2014/09/18/why-i-just-asked-my-students-to-put-their-laptops-away-clay-shirky/>

Press releases - 2

1. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, Governor Terry E. Branstad « Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, September 18, 2014
Contact: Governor's Office, 515-725-3518
Gov. Terry Branstad, First Lady Chris Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds launch bullying prevention listening tour
Branstad-Reynolds Administration continues commitment to better address bullying in schools
(DES MOINES) – Gov. Terry Branstad, First Lady Chris Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds announced they will visit three Iowa school districts this fall to learn more about what Iowa schools are doing to deal with bullying and what steps Iowans would like the state to take next.
Better addressing the problem of bullying in schools has been a top priority of the Branstad-Reynolds Administration. Their work has included two statewide bullying prevention summits in Des Moines, which each drew an audience of more than 1,000, including many students from across the state. They've also proposed legislation to give schools clear discretion to respond to cyberbullying that occurs away from school but seriously interferes with a student's education at school, as well as requiring parents to be notified if their child is the target of bullying....
2. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Governor Terry E. Branstad « Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, September 15, 2014
Contact: Governor's office 515-281-5211
Branstad, Reynolds, Education Director Buck unveil Financial Literacy Work Team recommendations
(DES MOINES) – Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds were joined at their weekly press conference today by Iowa Department of Education Director Brad Buck to announce the recommendations of the Financial Literacy Work Team. Buck convened the 13-member work team in January of 2014 to ensure Iowa students are learning the financial literacy skills needed for success.
"We know our children need to be financially literate in order to have a bright future and many Iowans, including educators,

State Capitol, 1st Floor,
Rotunda, 10:00 a.m.

financial services experts, and elected officials have expressed concerns about the status of financial literacy in Iowa,” said Branstad. “I’m pleased the Financial Literacy Work Team has completed its review and offered recommendations for the state to move forward educating our young people on how to make smart, responsible financial decisions.” ...

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