Trustees adopt policy regarding youths

Meeting on April 18, the WMU Board of Trustees adopted a formal policy outlining the responsibilities of campus employees who are part of programs and activities involving minors. The new policy background references earlier measures put in place during recent years.

Those measures include the Duty to Report Criminal Acts policy, President John M. Dunn's Statement on Reporting Illegal and Unethical Activities, and confidential reporting procedures put in place through a private firm called Ethics Point.

A new website at wmich.edu/legal/minors-on-campus was recently developed to support board and administrative policies on campus programs involving minors. The site includes a variety of resources, such as links to earlier policy statements, information on best practices for working with minors, checklists, reporting tools and information about state agencies that can help ensure a safe and protective environment.

Detroit paper calls WMU a green leader

WMU has been named a 2013 Michigan Green Leader by the Detroit Free Press. The University was named the winner in the public sector category in this year’s statewide competition. The names of the paper’s eight 2013 honorees were announced May 5 in a column by business writer John Gallagher.

This year’s winners will be honored Monday, June 10, during a Detroit Economic Club breakfast ceremony in the MotorCity Casino Hotel. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin is scheduled to speak at the event.

WMU was lauded for what the Free Press called “a remarkable range of green activities” that include the campus’ extensive electric vehicle infrastructure, its recycling activities “that include the campus’ extensive electric vehicle infrastructure, its recycling activities” that include the campus’ extensive electric vehicle infrastructure, its recycling activities” that include the campus’ extensive electric vehicle infrastructure, its recycling activities.”

Koretsky named new dean of Lee Honors College

Carla M. Koretsky, geosciences, has been named dean of the Lee Honors College, effective July 1.

Koretsky has served as honors college associate dean since 2012 and will replace Nicholas Andreas, who will retire from WMU June 30.

She was one of three finalists for the position who were identified in early April and made formal on-campus presentations at the end of spring semester.

“During her time as associate dean, Dr. Koretsky has shown leadership and developed a real rapport with the students who are part of our honors college,” says Timothy J. Greene, provost.

“She has really shown herself ideally suited to the role of dean, and her interactions with the search committee and during the public presentations reinforced the reputation she has established.”

Koretsky came to WMU in 2000 and has been a faculty member in the environmental studies program as well as the geosciences department. She focuses on aquatic geochemistry and biogeochemistry.

An active researcher, Koretsky received the University’s Emerging Scholar Award in 2007, was associate chair of the geosciences department in 2006, helped to establish a new interdisciplinary geochemistry major and was the geosciences graduate advisor from 2004 to 2012.

She has received more than $1.1 million in external grants from organizations such as the U.S. Department of Energy, American Chemical Society and National Science Foundation. These grants have included a prestigious NSF CAREER Award.

In the opinion piece, Dunn noted the University's intent to bring East Hall, built atop Prospect Hill and opened in 1905, to life again as an alumni center.

“The building and hilltop were gifts from this community when the University was established in 1903. They will remain as testament to the lasting partnership between this University and its home community,” Dunn wrote.

“Our commitment means we will preserve the white-columned presence and lighted cupola that the Kalamazoo community created and has treasured for more than 100 years. We want future Kalamazoo residents to look to the top of Prospect Hill and enjoy the same view and sense of pride Kalamazoo citizens first enjoyed in 1905.”

Dunn reported that the response from the Kalamazoo community as well as alumni around the world has generally been positive, and in April, the plan to refurbish East Hall received a unanimous endorsement, as well as gift pledges from the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

East Hall to be hilltop’s focal point

Plans call for East Hall to become a resource for the campus and community at large and Prospect Hill’s other three buildings, North Hall, West Hall and the Speech and Hearing Center, to be removed.

“With a new lease on life, East Hall will join other East Campus treasures like Walwood Hall, the Little Theatre and Oakland Gym as buildings we have renovated to again be part of the fabric of daily University life,” Dunn wrote.

The renovated East Hall will serve as the venue for receptions, reunions and other celebratory events; a place to showcase artifacts, pictures and remembrances of the University’s history; and a home for the Office of Development and Alumni.

“It was not an easy call, but the slow deterioration of the structures on East Campus could not continue,” Dunn wrote about the decision to focus all of WMU’s efforts on saving the University’s first building.

“Some have urged us to continue mothballing the remaining buildings. I have given thoughtful consideration to those arguments, but that strategy has already been costly, with an annual expenditure of $250,000 for heat and energy to preserve empty space. Limited resources mean we cannot renovate East Hall and continue to spend money on unused buildings,” he wrote.

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Campus to bid goodbye to two residence halls

Current and former students, faculty and staff and other members of the University community will come together Friday, June 7, to mark the end of the line for two longtime campus residence halls.

A public gathering will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in the main areas of Hoekje and Fox Halls in Goldsworth Valley, which are being demolished to make way, in coming years, for new campus residence halls. Replacing the two halls in the short run will be Eldridge and Fox Halls in Goldsworth Valley, which have been offline for several years.

More than 500 invitations to the event were extended to people with particular ties with the halls, either as former residents or employees.

Those wishing to attend are asked to make a reservation at mywmu.com/bigelowhoekje or by calling Erin Kaplan, the event’s coordinator, at (269) 387-2176. The website includes a mechanism for people to share their memories about life in the two residence halls as well as a history of both facilities.

For rent—Furnished home from June 2013 to July 2014 while owner is on sab- batical. Within 15-minute walk to WMU. Three bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, central air, washer and dryer, dish washer, and gas stove. $1,500 per month plus gas and electricity. Contact: nationsjohn@wmich.edu or (269) 760-3669.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmku. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Around campus and beyond

Editor’s note: Visit wmich.edu/news/events for details and more event news.

Sculpture exhibit at Richmond

Works from sculptors Sarah Lindley and Norwood Viviano are on display through Friday, June 28, in the Richmond Center for Visual Arts’ Monroe-Brown Gallery. Lindley is an American ceramic sculptor who teaches art as well as manages the 3-D program at Kalamazoo College. Viviano balances traditional modes of sculpture production and contemporary digital technology and teaches sculpture as well as heads the sculpture program at Grand Valley State University.

Nature center tours to mark the end of line

A public gathering will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in the main areas of Hoekje and Fox Halls in Goldsworth Valley, which opened in 1961. The event will be open to the public and begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling (269) 387-6059 or sending an email to kayla.j.hume@wmich.edu.

In addition to his duties at the nature center, Rose is a member of the board for Discover Kalamazoo, serves as secretary and treasurer for the Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, and provides management and programmatic consulting services to nature centers throughout the United States.

New Student Orientation sessions start soon

Some 8,000 people, including beginning students and their families as well as transfer students, are expected to attend orientation sessions this summer.

Most will be on campus for one of the 12 New Student Orientation sessions that begin Monday, June 3, and run through Tuesday, July 2. The sessions are filling up quickly, so students are urged to register now.

In addition, 700 transfer students will take part in Transfer Transition Program sessions being held on four Fridays. The three that have yet to take place are set for June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16. Students are encouraged to register the week before the session they plan to attend.

For more details, visit wmich.edu/foyo/orientation or wmich.edu/transfer/services.

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Music students snare six major DownBeat awards

For the second year in a row, WMU music students pocketed six coveted awards in DownBeat magazine’s annual student music competition, tying third most of any college or university worldwide.

No other Michigan university won an award. The University of North Texas and the University of Miami came in first and second, each with double-digit awards.

“I continue to marvel at the work of our students and colleagues,” says Tom Knufc, music, who directs the jazz studies program.

The results are listed in DownBeat’s June issue. This year’s WMU honorees, along with the category of their award and their director or professor, are:

• Gold Company Sextet, Vocal Jazz Group, Graduate College Winner, Duane Shields Davis, director.
• Bryan Blowes, Portage, Mich., Blues Pop/Rock Soloist (guitar), Undergraduate College Winner, Tom Knufc, professor.
• Blake Morgan, Livonia, Mich., Vocal Jazz Soloist, Undergraduate College Winner, Duane Shields Davis, director.
• Youyang Qu, Beijing, China, Classical Soloist, Undergraduate College Winner, Renata Arman Knufc, professor.
• Killian Williams, Ann Arbor, Mich., Jazz Arrangement, Undergraduate College Winner, Outstanding Performance, “In Your Own Sweet Way,” Scott Cowan, professor.

APICS AGAIN HONORS WMU—The southwest Michigan chapter of the Association for Operations Management, or APICS, has named WMU Educational Partner of the Year for the fourth year in a row. In addition, Ron Coldwell from Kalamazoo was named APICS student of the year. Caldwell is a student in WMU’s integrated supply management program, or ISM, which ranks 12th in the nation and offers students near perfect job placement. The honors were presented May 14 in the Fetzer Center as part of the association’s top management night. Accepting the educational partner award on behalf of the University were: Robert Landeros, management chair; Sime Curkovic (pictured), ISM program director; and ISM students Ashley Moyle, Victoria Taylor and Brendan Mulcahy. (Photo courtesy of the Haworth College of Business)
Sarah Curry has worked three very different jobs at WMU during the past 15 years. But her organizational skills have made the transitions easier, and the variety of each job has kept her University career interesting.

In her role as executive assistant to Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jim Thomas, she is responsible for maintaining his schedule and drafting letters to donors, alumni and internal and external partners, along with other administrative tasks. She serves as the initial point of contact between key stakeholders and the vice president. She also coordinates the meetings and activities of the WMU Foundation Board and the Alumni Association Board.

“My job is to support the vice president. It’s challenging in a new job. There’s always a learning curve. I’m fortunate, and I have been fortunate in the past, to have a supportive boss and co-workers,” she says.

Curry started in her current position in October, after being an office manager in academic advising for the College of Arts and Sciences for 10 years and previously working in the front desk area at Sindecuse Health Center.

“You go from helping people in the medical field, working with students in advising, and then people who are raising money for the University. It’s three very different environments,” she says.

A native of Kalamazoo, Curry was used to change growing up. Her family moved five times in 11 years before settling back in the Kalamazoo area in Portage, Mich., where she was in high school. She and her husband, Joe, still live in Portage. They have a daughter who is a student at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and plans to transfer to WMU this fall to study geology. Their son is a high school sophomore.

Curry enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing and gardening. The spring is also a key time for the entire extended family to go morel mushroom hunting. Low to the ground and sometimes difficult to find, morel mushrooms can be somewhat elusive in the local woods and brush. Curry says mushroom hunting has become somewhat of a family competition each year.

Board of Trustees authorizes new programs, name changes

Three new programs were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees during its April 18 meeting.

Trustees also signed off on name changes for five existing academic programs.

**New academic programs**

- The Master of Arts in Biological Sciences is a course-only degree that complements the existing research-oriented Master of Science in Biological Sciences.
- The Master of Business Administration—Health Care Concentration is a response to the demand for health care leaders with a strong business background.
- The M.A. in Teaching allows students to complete state certification requirements for initial certification. There is a secondary sciences teacher education concentration and, for Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows only, a secondary mathematics teacher education concentration.

**Program name changes**

- The Doctor of Philosophy in Paper and Imaging Science and Engineering is now the Ph.D. in Paper and Printing Science.
- The M.S. in Paper and Imaging Science and Engineering is now the M.S. in Paper and Printing Science.
- The Accelerated M.S. in Paper and Imaging Science and Engineering is now the Accelerated M.S. in Paper and Printing Science.
- The M.A. in Educational Leadership—Curriculum and Instructional Leadership concentration is now the M.A. in Educational Leadership—K-12 Teacher Leadership concentration.
- The M.A. in the Practice of Teaching is now the M.A. in the Practice of Teaching—Early Childhood Education concentration.

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“So those who plead ‘Save East Campus,’ I would say, that is exactly what we are doing. We are following the advice of those who warned us we must act now to save what’s most important, or risk losing it all. To do nothing might spell the angst of some, but serve only to allow the slow erosion of all the structures, including the jewel in the crown, East Hall.”

**Renovation steps outlined**

The East Campus hilltop revitalization project kicked off May 20 with the installation of a sign along Oakland Drive that shows an artist’s rendering of what East Hall could look like once the building is renovated.

But the overall project will be a lengthy one. Before any significant work can be done, all the buildings involved need to be surveyed for contaminated material and evaluated by a historical architecture expert. Then, bid specifications must be prepared and contractors selected.

Also, after legally required notice periods in which no work can be performed, it will take time to do all of the required abatement work. The last step in the process will be to remove the buildings slated for demolition.

The expected timetable is as follows:
- Announcing the project architect by the end of May;
- scheduling sessions to gather campus and community input in the design process, most likely in June and July;
- retrieving architectural elements from the affected hilltop buildings so they may be incorporated into the new alumni center;
- beginning phase I of the demolition process, with West Hall and the Speech and Hearing Center being taken down by early in September;
- beginning phase II of the demolition process, with North Hall, along with any of East Hall that will be impacted, being taken down after University Archives and Regional History Collections moves into its new home in the Zhang Legacy Collections Center this fall;
- constructing the alumni center, starting in 2014; and
- opening the refurbished East Hall in mid-2015.