



Cal State San Marcos

CoAS News & Tidbits

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Bree Tinney e-Auction – Online NOW!

November 28-December 13 !

Be sure to go “shopping” at the Bree Tinney Auction. We have some unusually good bargains and items up for bid this year, including a Home Theater System, three dinners and two lunches, awesome jewelry, a whole host of cacti, two beautiful quilts, and much, much more. Check it out at <http://www.csusm.edu/auction/>



Grant Opportunities

In a bid to enhance participation of CSUSM faculty at the CSU Regional Symposium April 12, 2008 at Cal Poly Pomona, the Faculty Center will reimburse faculty who present at the symposium on a first-come first-serve basis. This mini-grant is open to all faculty. Please see the [Faculty Center](#) newsletter for more information.

The Global Studies Curriculum Development Sub-Committee is pleased to announce its call for new course proposals for the [Global Studies Curriculum Development Mini-Grant Competition](#). Six to eight mini-grants in the amount of \$1300 will be awarded to College of Arts and Sciences faculty members who propose new upper-division courses (i.e., 300- or 400-level courses) that best fit the needs of the curriculum for the proposed Global Studies major.

February 11, 2008 is the deadline for the Professional Development Grants of up to \$750. For more information, please review the [Faculty Center Grant Page](#). Or contact [Pam Stricker](#), faithful CoAS Advisor for the Faculty Center.



From the Dean -

Dear Colleagues, As we move through the last week of classes and head in to Finals Week, let me be among the first to thank you for another successful semester of teaching and learning in the College of Arts & Sciences. Your commitment - by tenure-line and lecturer faculty and by staff - to high quality education and to our students never ceases to awe and amaze me. I hear story after story of how each of you has motivated CSUSM students to excel.

This is the time of year that I am reading tenure and promotion files - a genuinely wonderful experience. To read how you work to engage your students in their learning, how your research and creative activity agendas have evolved and are making a difference in the lives of real people, and how you contribute your time and energy to the success of the campus and our multiple communities - regional, national, international, and professional - is truly fantastic. So, thank you for the time and energy you devote to your students; your own life-long learning, engaged in intellectual discovery, construction, and dissemination; and your communities.

May the New Year bring you peace, joy, a sense of renewal and re-commitment, and another good semester. Here's wishing you a relatively easy end-of-the-semester, a restful and happy winter break, and a great beginning in 2008. And, here's to seeing you at the Spring Academic Assembly bright and early on January 17, 2008 in ARTS 240 and at the Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony that afternoon.

All the best,
Vicki





Mark Your Calendars! The Spring Academic Assembly and Faculty & Staff Awards Ceremony will be held on January 17, 2008! The Spring Academic Assembly – sponsored by the Academic Senate – is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m. in ARTS 240. Staff Awards will be presented in the Dome, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

The Foundations of Excellence Self-Study is Underway

The faculty/staff survey has been completed. The FoE Task Force thanks the 214 faculty, staff and administrators in CoAS who completed the survey; over one-third of the responses came from CoAS! (In case you were wondering who won the drawing associated with the survey, it was Marcia Woolf from the Academic Senate office.) A survey of first-year students is currently underway.

Over 90 members of the University community will be serving on committees examining various aspects (or "dimensions") of the first-year at CSUSM.

CoAS participants include Bob Yamashita, Chuck De Leone, Cindy Hanson, Darci Strother, Dick Bray (co-chair of the All Students Dimension Committee), Eliza Biggam, Garry Rolison, Graham Oberem, Jackie Trischman (co-chair of the Faculty Dimension Committee), Jeff Charles (co-chair of the Roles and Purposes Dimension Committee), Jule Gomez de Garcia, Kim Quinney (co-chair of the Diversity Dimension Committee), Linda Holt (co-chair of the Learning Dimension Committee), Marie Thomas, Mayra Besosa, Michael Hughes, Michael McDuffie, Peter Arnade, Salah Moukhlis, Terri Metzger, and Vicki Golich. Anyone wishing to join the self-study should contact either Joanne Pedersen or David Barsky.

Strategic Planning

The Academic Affairs Strategic Planning continues apace. As many of you know, we have spent this fall refining the AA Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Goals statements. We will persist with this refinement and hopefully have a grand new plan in place by the end of AY 2007-08. We will also be asking for Strategic Planning Initiative money this year to support our special efforts aimed at achieving the already-articulated University Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategic Priorities. Please stay tuned for more on this project as the Spring semester unfolds.





CoAS Governance Standing Committees

Here's some good news about our College Governance Standing Committees.

This spring there will be some vacant seats just waiting for someone to warm them for terms lasting through Spring, 2009! The Hiring and Academic Planning Committee (HAPC) has a Division C vacancy. One of the charges of the HAPC is to make recommendations to the Dean concerning hiring of faculty and support staff. The Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee (CAPC) will have two seats, an at-large Non-tenured vacancy and a Division A vacancy. The CAPC reviews proposals for new courses and programs and for changes to existing curriculum and makes recommendations to the Dean regarding curriculum policies.

Curriculum and faculty are clearly important to the College, to the University, and, most importantly, to our students. Service on these Committees is your opportunity to help make decisions that will affect us all so please email to Debbie Schwarz at dschwarz.csusm.edu TODAY to express your eagerness to serve.

(To see a list of the current Committee members, go to

<http://www.csusm.edu/coas/forms/Governance%20Meetings%20Fall%20%202007.doc>

and to read the Committee charges as currently posted, Visit the Governance by-laws at <http://www.csusm.edu/coas/forms/CoAS%20Bylaws%20March2005.pdf>.

AC's delivered a 15 lb and 25 lb turkey, 4 boxes of food to the North County Food Bank. Way to go!!!



Employee Service Awards to be Presented

Awards for nearly 140 campus employees celebrating five, 10 and 15 years of service as of 2007 will be presented Friday, Dec. 14 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Grand Salon of the Clarke Field House. This celebration also includes Foundation and ASI employees. The campus community is invited. Questions about service award eligibility should be directed to Tisha Grant at x4419 or email cgrant@csusm.edu

Peer Coaching Program Seeks Applicants

Karno Ng is seeking applicants for the peer coach program. [Please see the website](#) for more information.



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CoAS Important Dates & Events

December

Wednesday, December 5

Fall Graduation

Reception

6:00 p.m.

Escondido Center For The Arts

Friday, December 7

Dean's Holiday Party

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

PHY 402 Robot Demonstration

2:00 p.m.

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Bree Tinney Auction Ends

3:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14

Employee Service Awards

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Clarke Fieldhouse

Grand Salon

January, 2008

Thursday, January 17

Spring Academic Assembly

8:30-10:30 a.m.

ARTS 240

Faculty & Staff Awards

11:00-12:30 a.m.

Dome

Mission Statement

The College of Arts & Sciences is a scholarly community committed to providing comprehensive, high quality education for students in a rapidly changing world. We provide a supportive teaching and learning environment where diversity is fundamental to the achievement of excellence. Integral to the college instructional mission is the generation of new knowledge through research and creative activity. We value disciplinary and interdisciplinary instruction that employs new technologies and integrates ideas across intellectual boundaries. The college is committed to mutually beneficial partnerships with local and global communities.

We're on the web
www.csusm.edu/coas

Did you know...

...the College has a college-wide calendar on its homepage to keep you informed of upcoming events, workshops and deadlines. To get your Department announcements listed, email lmelena@csusm.edu

Calendar Available: www.csusm.edu/

