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Trustees name centers of excellence, honor Ribeau

The BGSU Board of Trustees worked through a lengthy agenda at its April 23 meeting, taking action on items from the granting of promotion and tenure (See related story) to the upgrading of campus utilities.

Centers of excellence

The trustees approved two additional proposed centers of excellence, as presented at the last board meeting, in 21st Century Educator Preparation and Developing Effective Businesses and Organizations. (See www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/monitor/03-02-09/page62387.html for full descriptions.)

Also at the meeting, trustees heard a proposal for a fifth center of excellence in Sustainability and the Environment. (See related story.) Already approved for presentation to the Ohio Board of Regents have been centers of excellence in the arts and Health and Wellness across the Lifespan.

New architecture department, degrees

BGSU's architecture program will be substantially strengthened and expanded following action by the board. The trustees voted to convert the College of Technology's current Architecture and Environmental Design Studies Program to the Department of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The board also approved changing the name of the undergraduate degree to a bachelor of science in architecture. Currently, architecture students in the program receive a bachelor of technology with a major in architecture. The new name more accurately reflects the content and orientation of the major and is consistent with what other pre-professional architecture programs in the country call their degrees.

"The architectural/environmental design major is a pre-professional degree that prepares students for continued education in a professional degree program in architecture or a related field, or for employment in architecturally related occupations," reads the new catalog description.

Also approved was the addition of a professional master's degree in architecture. Having the graduate degree will significantly raise the identity of architecture studies at BGSU and allow the University to pursue scholarship and development opportunities and accreditation by the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB). The plan must be approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

The current undergraduate degree has been in place since 1990. It has undergone significant revisions aimed at enhancing the quality of the program and aligning it with the curriculum in the proposed master of architecture program, which in turn is structured to integrate criteria established by the NAAB and the norms of professional organizational structures and operation in peer programs.

Ribeau honored

A naming and a renaming in honor of former BGSU President Sidney Ribeau were approved by the trustees. The entrance plaza in front of the soon-to-be-built Wolfe Center for the Arts will be called the Ribeau Plaza, in recognition of the longtime president's "commitment, dedication and accomplishment."

Trustee Michael Marsh, who made the motion in favor of the plaza naming, said it was appropriate that an outdoor space was chosen. Describing the former president as a "unique person," he recalled that when Ribeau was inaugurated, rather than a formal, black-tie event,

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“we had a picnic. . . . And when he left, we had a picnic. That was his style.” Marsh praised Ribeau for inspiring the University’s values initiative, learning communities, the new student union and for setting the goal for the recently concluded and successful capital campaign.

In addition, a program closely identified with Ribeau, the President’s Leadership Academy (PLA), will be renamed the Sidney A. Ribeau President’s Leadership Academy. Ribeau conceived of the academy in 1997 and, that same year, contributed a \$15,000 bonus from the board of trustees to help launch the initiative.

The goal of the PLA is to support students who show leadership potential in their personal growth by engaging them in a curriculum that includes classes, workshops, experiential learning and community service. Since 1998, 313 students have been admitted to the academy.

The renaming of the PLA for Ribeau was suggested to the trustees by a joint resolution from Classified Staff and Administrative Staff councils, Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Government.

Energy efficiency projects

The board approved the upgrade of campus lighting for greater energy efficiency, part of the campus Energy Conservation Master Plan. BGSU will replace a number of older lighting fixtures and retrofit others. The University will install occupancy sensors, replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent units and replace incandescent exit signs with LED units, which are much more efficient and have a longer life.

In related action, the trustees voted for a campuswide HVAC control upgrade that will include “air-side economizers” to save energy, and automatic night and/or unoccupied setback of temperature and HVAC equipment in individual spaces.

“The system can be overridden at individual buildings if they’re being used past the set time,” explained Trustee Robert Sebo.

The project is projected to cost almost \$6 million, with a savings payback time of only about 2.4 years, Sebo added.

The measures are in keeping with Ohio House Bill 251, passed in 2008, which set goals to reduce energy consumption and promote renewable, alternative and sustainable energy sources. It called for universities to develop a plan for energy conservation and efficiency.

In other action, the trustees gave official approval for construction of the Stroh Center, to be located on the site of parking Lot 6, near the Visitor Information Center.

The last board meeting of the fiscal year will be held June 26, when trustees will consider University budgets.

Sustainability and environment proposed as center of excellence

The board of trustees on April 23 heard about the next proposed center of excellence—sustainability and the environment. The center is designed to build upon BGSU’s existing strengths to meet the demands of the state in identifying research and educational focuses at regional universities. BGSU has numerous research areas directly related to sustainability, several of which fall under the scope of the Ohio Third Frontier Project.

Partners in the center come from across the University, from photochemical sciences and the Hybrid Vehicle Institute to physics and astronomy and the Department of the Environment and Sustainability. The partners in the proposed center have an established record of achievement in basic and applied research, engagement and education related to sustainability and the environment.

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BGSU first formally declared its commitment to environmentalism in 1992 when it signed the international Talloires Declaration (www.bgsu.edu/departments/envh/greencampus.htm). The Forum for Campus Sustainability recently organized the first symposium for a sustainable campus—Sustainable U—that brought together experts from around the state for a rich educational experience for students, faculty and staff.

Externally funded research programs in alternative energy, environmental monitoring and global change have achieved international reputations. More than \$17 million in external funding for projects related to sustainability and the environment has come in the last three years. These have been in such areas as alternative energy, the electric vehicle and alternative energy technology, environmental monitoring and assessment, biodiversity conservation, ecological consequences of humans' impact on the environment, and global change.

The center's partners have responded to the need for more technologically literate citizens by offering new courses in science and technology, as well as new programs designed to recruit and retain students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. Partnerships between the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education and Human Development have resulted in achievement and external funding of more than \$3 million in the last three years alone.

Start-up companies related to sustainability and the environment have been launched, including Blue Water Satellite Inc., and CTI Inc., and numerous patents have been filed, particularly in the areas of photochemical sciences and electric vehicles.

BGSU will submit the new proposed center to the chancellor and the University System of Ohio for approval.

Trustees promote 22 tenure-track faculty

Eleven BGSU faculty members were promoted to full professor and 11 others received tenure and promotion to associate professor at the board of trustees' April 23 meeting.

Among the faculty promoted to full professor were two each from the sociology department—Drs. Susan Brown and Laura Sanchez—and the School of Communication Studies—Drs. Radhika Gajjala and Lara Lengel.

Others promoted to full professor were John Balistreri, School of Art; Dr. Alexander Izzo, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Daniel Jacobson, philosophy; Dr. Stephen Langendorfer, School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies; Dr. Roger Schupp, music performance studies; Dr. Todd Waggoner, technology systems, and Colleen Boff, library teaching and learning.

Another associate professor, Matthew Davis in the School of Art, was granted tenure by the trustees.

Receiving tenure along with promotion to associate professor were, by college: College of Arts and Sciences—Dr. Candace Archer, political science; Dr. Victoria Ekstrand, School of Communication Studies; Dr. Enrique Gomezdelcampo, School of Earth, Environment and Society; Dr. Jeremy Wallach, popular culture, and Daniel Williams, theatre and film.

College of Business Administration—Dr. Christopher Rump, applied statistics and operations research.

College of Education and Human Development—Drs. Tracy Huziak-Clark and Sharon Subreenduth, both in the School of Teaching and Learning.

College of Health and Human Services—Dr. Melissa Burek, human services.

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BGSU Firelands—Dr. Katharine Dailey, humanities.

College of Musical Arts—Dr. Sandra Stegman, music education.

Also at the April 23 meeting, the trustees promoted 20 non-tenure-track faculty, including nine from lecturer to senior lecturer and 11 from instructor to lecturer.

New senior lecturers are Lynn Campbell, Dr. Philip Dickinson, Julie Haught, Rona Klein and Theresa Williams, all in English, and at BGSU Firelands, Dr. Jolene Buehrer and Linda Hammaide, both in humanities, and Mona Burke and Roddy Roark, both in applied sciences.

Promoted to lecturer were Dayna Herrington, English; Dr. James Pfundstein, romance and classical studies; Jeffrey Sharp, Jeffery Hall, Laney Fugett and Jodi Hagg, all in visual communication and technology education; and at BGSU Firelands, Martin Anderson and Rachelle Hippler, both in applied sciences; Patricia Antonelli, humanities, and William Huepenbecker and Alyson Wilson, both in natural and social sciences.

Four new members enter Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame

The University's Dallas-Hamilton Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame has inducted four new members who forged highly successful business careers after graduating from BGSU.

Chosen by last year's inaugural class for induction at an April 23 ceremony were:

- Edson "Ted" Arneault of Chester, W.Va., retired chair, CEO and president of MTR Gaming Group;
- Michael Hoskins of Austin, Texas, a director and chief technology officer of Pervasive Software;
- Otara Chandiram Gunewardane of Colombo, Sri Lanka, founder of Odel department stores, and
- Michael Wilcox of Toledo, founder of Wilcox Financial and Wilcox Sports Management.

Housed in BGSU's College of Business Administration, the Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame recognizes Bowling Green graduates and honorary-degree holders who have achieved distinction for founding, leading or building a new business enterprise for five years or more.

"We all know that our economic future depends upon creative, innovative, entrepreneurial business leaders," said Dr. Rodney Rogers, dean of the business college. "Thus, we are pleased to honor these incredibly successful entrepreneurs so that they can serve as role models to our current students who will be the entrepreneurs of tomorrow."

The hall of fame is part of the Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. The center is named for Olympic gold-medal figure skater and Bowling Green native Scott Hamilton and his wife, Tracie, along with their former California neighbor and BGSU graduate Bill Dallas and his wife, Beverly. Hamilton and Dallas were also among the inaugural hall of fame inductees who selected this year's class.

Edson Arneault

A 1969 BGSU graduate, Arneault was a Certified Public Accountant and a partner in a major national accounting firm before launching his entrepreneurial career as CEO of a growing oil and gas company, Century Well Service.

In the early 1990s, he took the reins of the Mountaineer Racetrack and Gaming Resort, which had been on the brink of economic disaster but made a dramatic turnaround under his leadership. His company was named one of the nation's best small companies by Forbes

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magazine in 2001 and, that same year, Arneault was named Entrepreneur of the Year in West Virginia. He retired from MTR Gaming Group last year with the publicly traded company operating in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota, as well as West Virginia.

Arneault also founded the Mountaineer Futures Scholarship Program to help create opportunities for the region's youth.

Michael Hoskins

Hoskins, a 1977 BGSU graduate, has started and contributed to several software companies, beginning in the 1980s with SaudiSoft in the Middle East. After selling that company, he returned to the United States to form Data Junction Co., which was acquired by Pervasive Software in 2003.

Hoskins is an industry leader in the field of data management and integration, traveling worldwide to guide teams in the evolution of their data software products and services. In 2007, in recognition of his leadership in the development of Pervasive's DataRush™, he was named Information Technologist of the Year by the Austin chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

He has also supported BGSU and another of his alma maters, the Armidal School in Australia, which recently named its new theater the Michael Hoskins Creative Arts Centre.

Otara Chandiram Gunewardane

Gunewardane's business grew from the trunk of her car to be the leading fashion and retail force in Sri Lanka, and one of the leaders in Asia. Her company, Odel, now has a staff of 430, nearly 500 indirect employees, over 1,000 suppliers and 200-plus factories staffing and supplying her chain of retail and online businesses. Odel has six "bricks-and-mortar" locations, with plans to establish its first retail operation in Europe this fall.

Gunewardane's new approach to fashion merchandising rippled through the industry to revolutionize the concept of department stores in Sri Lanka. Her business model has been built upon her commitment to the environment—she has also created a foundation to support her conservation philosophy—and the linkage of "Mind, Body & Soul." The 1985 BGSU graduate was named Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the Year in 2002 and was recently featured on CNBC-Asia as a leading Asian entrepreneur.

Michael Wilcox

Wilcox's financial services business has grown steadily through several market cycles to include a list of clients from around the world. His recently launched sports management company boasts a "who's who" list of coaches and other leaders in college and professional sports.

In addition, the 1975 BGSU graduate has applied his entrepreneurial skills to community and national organizations such as BGSU, the American Football Coaches Foundation, the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, the Toledo Hospital Foundation and the Culver Educational Foundation. Recipient of the 2008 GMAC Bowl Champions of Life Award, Wilcox is also the current chair and director of the U.S. Lacrosse Foundation.

Campus alive with celebration

The campus was vibrant with activity April 24 and 25, as the Sebo Series explored entrepreneurship, ground was broken for the Wolfe Center for the Arts, and the community celebrated the success of the Building Dreams capital campaign.

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Be part of planning for future of residence life, dining services

Residence Life and University Dining Services invite the BGSU community to be part of an important planning process as they consider the Bowling Green campus environment of the future.

A focus group and open forum will be held from 6-8 p.m. tonight (April 27) in 228 Union. The purpose is to obtain insight from faculty, staff and students based on their experiences and observations in BGSU residence halls and dining centers. This input may help direct the creation and/or renovation of campus facilities.

Hosting the meetings will be WTW Architects, a nationally respected planning and design firm working with the University to provide a Residence Life and Dining Services Master Plan. WTW successfully worked with BGSU to gather student and staff opinions in developing plans for the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The initiative comes in response to a shift in demographics and evolving campus needs. The business plan will include capital renewal and replacement strategies, with accompanying schedules to implement the master plan.

For more information on the plan, the timeline and dates, visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/reslife/page60519.html.

University House part of Wood County Hospital Guild home tour

The University House will be a stop on the Wood County Hospital Guild's home tour, featuring five homes from various neighborhoods in Bowling Green. The homes will be open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on May 8.

The owners and locations of the homes are:

- The University House, at 700 S. Wintergarden Road, is the official residence of the BGSU president. A winding cobblestone drive leads to the warm and welcoming home with large rooms and lovely grounds, providing an exceptional setting for many University functions.
- The Milt and Lee Hakel home, 1435 Cedar Lane, is the residence of BGSU's Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, Dr. Milt Hakel. The homeowners' love of architecture, art and literature is reflected throughout their dramatic contemporary home, which houses a collection of contemporary art glass and cabinetry that they designed.
- The Bill and Ann Otley home, 1547 Gleneagles Drive, is a new house with a spectacular view of the elevated 16th green at Stone Ridge Golf Course. The open main floor showcases a blend of family heirlooms and contemporary furniture.
- The Bob and Martha Everett home, 853 Scott Blvd., is beautifully positioned on a large wooded lot with towering oaks. The stately home showcases classic American colonial architecture and floor plan including many architect-designed details.
- The Bill and Geri Welling home, 875 W. Wooster St., has an inviting terraced front lawn leading to the 1930 brick and stone house. Original woodwork and fireplaces combine with hardwood floors, comfortable furniture and an upscale kitchen. The unique screened porch overlooks a secluded backyard.

Tickets for the home tour are on sale at the Wood County Hospital gift shop or by calling Julie at 419-354-8006. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 on the day of the tour. Homes may be toured in any order.

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A companion event is the Patrons' Tour and Reception on May 7. The tour will take place from 6-8 p.m. and the reception, at Club Encore (the former Cla-zel Theatre), will be held from 8-10 p.m. To become a patron, call 419-352-8514.

Proceeds from the 2009 tour will support the Women's Diagnostic Center located in the new addition to the hospital.

CALENDAR

Monday, April 27

Instructional Design Workshop, "Learning 2.0 with Web 2.0 Tools," 2-3 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Focus Group and Open Forum, to gather ideas from the campus community for the creation of the Dining Services and Residence Life master plans, held by WTW Architects, 6-8 p.m., 228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Tuesday, April 28

EcoBreak Seminar Series, featuring Lexie Majorczyk, biological sciences, 11:30 a.m., 332 Life Sciences Building.

Baseball vs. Toledo, 3 p.m., Steller Field. **Instructional Design Workshop**, "Advanced Uses of Clickers in Higher Education," 3:30-4:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Planetarium Show, "New Worlds?", how Columbus and others explored the world, 8 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Wednesday, April 29

Financial Planning Conference, "Managing Your Clients' Needs in a Rapidly Changing Financial Environment," featuring the keynote address "How Financial Conditions Are Affecting Northwest Ohio Businesses" by Dr. Michael Carroll, economics; an afternoon lecture entitled "Identifying Clients' Needs: Are You Asking the Right Questions?" by Dr. David Reid, marketing, and various break-out sessions, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. For the full schedule of events, visit <http://www.business.bgsu.edu/Events/documents/BGSU%202009%20Financial%20Planning%20Event%20Mailer.pdf>. Sponsored by the finance department and the Society of Financial Service Professionals, Toledo Chapter.

Open House, Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 403 SaddleMire Student Services at Conklin.

BGSU Firelands Behavioral Health Series, "Maintaining a Positive Focus—Dealing with Workplace Negativity," with Susan Fee,

counselor, executive and personal life coach, Lakeshore Educational and Counseling Services, 1-4:15 p.m., Cedar Point Center. The fee for the session is \$59. For more information or to register, call 2-0617 or visit www.firelands.bgsu.edu/offices/oeo.

Biological Sciences Seminar Series, "Neolithic vs. Modern Baltic Sea Fisheries: Evidence of a Shifting Baseline?" with Dr. Karin Limburg, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building. A social with the speaker will precede the lecture at 3 p.m.

Softball doubleheader vs. Wright State, 3 p.m., Meserve Field.

Provost Town Forum, 4-6 p.m., 202B Union.

Coming Out Support Group, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Multicultural Event, "Evening with the Champions," hosted by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, 5:30-7 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Thursday, April 30

Dissertation Defense, "Minimal Prime Element Space of an Algebraic Frame," by Papiya Bhattacharjee, mathematics and statistics, 9 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Concert, featuring Lab School bands from St. Aloysius School in Bowling Green and St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School in Toledo, 7 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

BFA Reading, featuring work by Amber Cegledi, Greg Miller, Christian Minnick and Trevor Rueckert, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Friday, May 1

Last Day of Classes.

Dissertation Defense, "Cp(X,Z)," by Kevin Drees, mathematics and statistics, 9 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Respiratory Protection Training Session, 9-11 a.m., 2 College Park Building. To register, call 2-2171 or visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.

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BiG Bash, featuring carnival food, free entertainment and games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Anderson Arena. Visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/dining/page65627.html for more information.

Baseball vs. Ohio, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Planetarium Show, "New Worlds?", how Columbus and others explored the world, 8 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Saturday, May 2

Baseball vs. Ohio, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Planetarium Show, "The Little Star That Could," multimedia show for children ages 5-7, 2 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Sunday, May 3

Baseball vs. Ohio, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Planetarium Show, "Larry Cat in Space," multimedia show for children ages 5-7, 2 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Planetarium Show, "Is This the End of the World?", fire, ice or fear—the true ends of the world revealed, 7:30 p.m. \$1 donation suggested.

Monday, May 4

Final Exams Begin.

Continuing Events Through April 28

Art Exhibit, "Student Wood Relief Sculpture," second floor, West Building, BGSU

Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

April 30-May 1

Dance Concert, "Footlights," featuring class demonstrations and original choreography by students in the Dance Program, 8 p.m. each night, Whitney Dance Studio, 222 Eppler North. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door one hour before show time.

Through May 1

Art Exhibit, Annual Student Exhibitions, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through May 2

Art Exhibit, "Ev'ry Night About This Time," by Genevieve Waller, a doctoral student in the visual and cultural studies program at the University of Rochester, Union Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Through May 3

MFA Thesis Exhibition II, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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Finance. Instructor. Call Dan Klein, 2-8963. Deadline: May 25.

Geography. Instructor. Call Art Samel, 2-9321. Deadline: June 15.

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