RMU Record is a chronicle of information from the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs published during the academic year to record the academic achievements of faculty, staff, and students of Robert Morris University.

The “RMU Record,” serves as a formal chronicle of actions taken in regard to academic life and administration at the University: faculty actions (including appointments and promotions), changes in university organization and structure, new programs and curricula as they are approved, and other matters for which it is important or useful to have a record.

David Jamison, J.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

RMU Opens Its New School of Business Building
The University is completing construction of a new business building that will provide students with the latest technologies and high quality business educational environment to better prepare them for the corporate world. The building will house the PNC Trading Center with 34 double monitor computers, the U.S. Steel Technology Resource Center with 12 Bloomberg computers; the U.S. Steel Videoconferencing Center with the Cisco TelePresence System; Allegheny Technology Global Business Library with an Interactive Marketing Wall and computers; a Computer Laboratory with 40 moveable laptops; and multimedia general lecture classrooms. In addition to these specialized learning facilities, the building will provide students with private project rooms and informal study space. All the teaching classrooms and laboratories will have smart boards and multimedia capabilities. The building will open for classes this Fall 2011. Over fifty percent of the undergraduate business courses and all of the graduate courses are scheduled to be taught in the new building for Fall 2011.

Accreditations at RMU

School of Communications and Information Systems
In July 2010, the B.S. degrees in the Computer and Information Systems Department: Computer Information Systems and Information Sciences were re-accredited for a six-year period by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science
The undergraduate Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering majors in the Department of Engineering have been re-accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology - Engineering Accreditation Council (ABET-EAC) for a six-year period.

The actuarial science program received its annual renewal of the designation Center of Actuarial Excellence from the Society of Actuaries.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences
SNHS received initial accreditation for its Nuclear Medicine Technology BS program from the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCMNT) in November, 2010. The program received an initial one year accreditation with the possibility of an extension to three years.
Middle States Accreditation

The Middle States Re-Accreditation team will be visiting RMU in April 2012. To get ready for the visit, administration, faculty, and staff prepared the comprehensive Self-Study report during this past 2010-2011 academic year. This summer, the report was edited and was reviewed at the Fall 2011 convocation. Final editing will occur during September and the report will be made available online during the Fall semester. Final version of the report will be forwarded to the review team in January 2012.

Relocation of SCIS Departments and Programs/New SCIS Building

In May 2011, the Organizational Leadership Department moved to the Moon campus. Plans are underway for a new SCIS building that will house all five SCIS departments. The Media Arts Department will move from the former Pittsburgh Center to the building in summer 2012.

Faculty Promotions

University Professor

Jill Maher, SBUS, Marketing
A.J. Grant, SCIS, English Studies & Comm Skills
Maria Kalevitch, SEMS, Engineering

Professor

Darlene Motley, SBUS, Management
Brian O’Roark, SBUS, Economics and Legal Studies
Louis Swartz, SBUS, Economics and Legal Studies
Christine Holtz, SCIS, Media Arts
John Lawson, SCIS, English Studies & Comm Skills
Diane Todd-Bucci, SCIS, English Studies & Comm Skills
John Turchek, SCIS, Computer and Information Systems
Dan Barr, SESS, Social Sciences
George Semich, SESS, Secondary Ed and Graduate Studies

School of Business

Mark H. Haney joins Robert Morris University as an Assistant Professor of Management. He has a Ph.D. in Strategy from the University of Pittsburgh, Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, MBA from Case Western Reserve University, M.A. Chinese language and Literature from Ohio State University, B.A., Economics and Chinese from Ohio State University. Mark was an Associate Professor of Management at Edinboro University and a Visiting Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh. Mark has corporate experience as an Application Developer II, for Mellon Financial, and Programmer/Analyst for Black Box Corporation and Fidelity Investments.

Kihyun Park joins Robert Morris University as an Assistant Professor of Management. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Toledo, College of Business and Innovation, Master of Economics from Hanyang University, College of Economics and Finance, Seoul, South Korea, a Bachelor of Economics from Hanyang University, College of Economics and Finance, Seoul, South Korea.

New Faculty for 2011-12

Assistant Professor

Chris Devine, Library
Emily Paladino, Library (1)
Michael DiLauro, SCIS, Academic Media Center (1)
Elizabeth Stork, SCIS, Organizational Leadership
Sushil Acharya, SEMS, Engineering
Paul Badger, SEMS, Science
Priya Manohar, SEMS, Engineering
Matthew Maurer, SEMS, Science (1)
Mary Hansen, SESS, Secondary Ed and Graduate Studies
Philip Harold, SESS, Social Sciences
Shellie Hipsky, SESS, Elementary Education
John McCarthy, SESS, Social Sciences
Nadine Englert, SNHS, Nursing
(1) Also achieving non-probationary appointment

Economics and Finance, Seoul, South Korea. Kihyum was an Instructor for the University of Toledo, Research Assistant for the University of Toledo, and Teaching Assistant for the University of Toledo. Kihyum has corporate experience at Consortium of Korea Maritime Institute and Korean Environment Science Technology Institute, South Korean Army and Bank of South Korea.

Zhou Yang joins Robert Morris University as an Assistant Professor of Economics and Legal Studies. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Toledo and a Bachelor of Management, from Jianghan University, China. Zhou has taught Intermediate Microeconomics and Principles of Economics at the University of Tennessee, and a Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant for the University of Tennessee. Zhou has corporate experience at the Economic Development and Forecast Division, Information Center of Hubei Province, China, and Hubei Economic Reference Network (Intranet), Information Center of Hubei Province, China.
### New Faculty for 2011-12 (continued)

**School of Education and Social Sciences**

**Mary Ann Rafoth** became dean of the SESS on August 1, 2011, replacing founding school dean John Graham. She comes to RMU after 23 years of service at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; the last six as Dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with a major in School Psychology from the University of Georgia, an M.Ed. in School Psychometry from the University of Georgia, and a B.S. in Social Studies Education from Miami University. She has taught high school, worked as a school psychologist, and served as a Coordinator of Psychological Services for public schools. Prior to coming to IUP. She taught in the Psychology Department at Eastern Illinois University. Her research interests include early identification of learning problems in children and effective school-based interventions.

**Shelly Haser** comes to RMU as *Head of Secondary Education and Graduate Studies* having earned her Ph.D. in Education Administration and Policy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Dr. Haser has been a faculty member and Chair of the Education Department at Marymount University and a faculty member at Trinity University. She earned her B.S. from West Virginia University and M.Ed. from the College of William and Mary. Her research interests include school reform and international student teaching experiences.

**Samantha Monda** joins RMU as an *Assistant Professor of Psychology*, having earned her Ph.D. in Kinesiology with a specialization in Sport and Exercise Psychology from West Virginia University. Dr. Monda has a Master of Arts in Community Counseling and a Master of Science in Sport and Exercise Psychology from West Virginia University. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University. Her research interests include student-athlete development, life skills development, transitions and adjustment, and physical and mental wellness.

**School of Communications and Information Systems**

**Sun-A Park** joins the Communication faculty as its expert in the public relations field. She completed her Ph.D. in Strategic Communication at the University of Missouri—Columbia in 2010, where she specialized in the intersections of health and strategic communication. Following her graduation, she served as a research fellow at the Health Communication Research Center at the University of Missouri and was an online course developer and professor for West Virginia’s online IMC M.A. program. Dr. Park has an impressive research agenda and publication history in the areas of public relations, journalism, health and strategic communication.

**Karen Paullet** earned a doctoral degree in Information Systems and Communications from Robert Morris University in 2009 while she was working full time as the Communications Coordinator for the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office. She also was an instructor for the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission and an adjunct faculty member for the American Public University and for RMU, where she taught courses in cyber forensics, project management, E-commerce, and network security. She was also instrumental in developing with the CIS faculty the new B.S. degree in Cyber Forensics and Information Security. Her publications and research interests are in the area of cyber forensics and security.

**Jamie Pinchot** earned her doctoral degree from Robert Morris University in Information Systems and Communications in 2009. Dr. Pinchot brings a wealth of industry and teaching experience to the position. For more than eight years, she worked as a Web Application Developer and a Senior IT Consultant for Bayer Corporation. She also was a full-time instructor at Thiel College for four years and an adjunct professor at RMU and CCBC. Her research and teaching interests are in a range of areas, including knowledge management, social media, mobile devices, and Web development.
New Faculty for 2011-12 (continued)

Scott Wyatt earned a doctorate in Rhetoric, Scientific and Technical Communication from the University of Minnesota in 2010 after more than two decades in private industry. Dr. Wyatt has taught high school, community college and university courses part-time since graduating from the University of California in 1990. His research interests focus on students with cognitive disabilities and how public debates affect educational experiences of these students.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Joseph Angelelli joins RMU as an Asst Professor and new Director of the Health Services Administration program. Dr. Angelelli comes to us from PHI where he was the Pennsylvania State Director. He has held faculty positions at Penn State and Brown and has expertise in health policy and administration. He has an undergraduate degree from Penn State in Communication Sciences and Disorders, master’s degree from Oregon State in Human Development and Family Studies and a PhD from the University of Southern California in Gerontology and Public Policy.

Janice Sarasnick joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor, Clinical. She will teach in the RISE simulation center in the SNHS where she has served as the simulation specialist for 2 years. Ms. Sarasnick began her nursing career as a graduate of the UPMC Shadyside Hospital School of Nursing. She completed her BSN at the University of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of the RMU Master of Science in Nursing program. She has worked at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in the critical care area. She currently works as a staff nurse in the Emergency department of St. Clair Hospital.

Pamela Jackson is an Assistant Professor, clinical following one year at RMU as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing. Ms. Jackson is a graduate of the St. Francis School of Nursing. She completed her BSN at Clarion University and is a graduate of the RMU Master of Science in Nursing program. Ms. Jackson worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC hospital from 1987-2010. For the last 5 years of her time at Children’s Hospital, she served as the Advanced Practice Nurse in the NICU.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

Benjamin R. Campbell. A former research engineer with Penn State University Electro-Optics Center (EOC), Dr. Campbell completed BS in Physics and MS in Electrical Engineering at Penn State. While at Penn State he also minored in Business and took completed some course work at the graduate level in business. While working full-time at EOC he completed the PhD in Engineering at Robert Morris University. Experienced in creating and launching advanced technology based business ventures he currently serves on the board of directors for a non-profit organization as well. His job responsibilities at EOC included new business development for the center. Dr. Campbell will be teaching and advising the Biomedical Engineering students and also teach classes in electrical circuits, non-traditional manufacturing and other engineering classes.

Wu-Chyuan (Gary) Gau joins RMU fall 2011 as an Associate Professor of Actuarial Science and Mathematics. Dr. Gau previously was an Associate Professor of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Central Florida where he served for seven years. He was employed as an Actuarial Analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Gary received his doctorate in Mathematics and Statistics from Boston University in 2002. He has taught a wide variety of actuarial science and statistics classes at both UCF and BU. His research expertise is in risk assessment using various techniques of predictive modeling. He has also worked as a Senior Actuarial Analyst at Kemper Insurance, where he worked on statistical modeling for property and casualty insurance.

Melissa Hillwig, Assistant Professor of Science, received her B.S. Biology from Penn State University Behrend in 2003 and her Ph.D. in Genetics from Iowa State University in 2009. After receiving her Ph.D., she continued her research as a postdoctoral research associate at Iowa State University. During this time, she also taught courses at Grand View University. Dr. Hillwig has published seven peer reviewed articles in molecular genetics and proteomics.
New Faculty for 2011-12 (continued)

Tamiko M. Youngblood received a BS in Mining Engineering with a Minor in Communication from the Missouri University of Science and Technology. She then entered the graduate program at the same university receiving the MS and PhD degrees in Engineering Management from the School of Engineering. Later, she completed a second MS in Information Systems from Loyola University in Chicago also earning a Graduate Certificate in Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence. After working for the IBM Corporation, Global Services division in Chicago, as a Business Intelligence Specialist providing Consulting services to clients worldwide she started her own Youngblood Enterprises Consultancy services specializing in New product development and market creation. Her consulting services also included Techno-Managerial training in motivation, planning, organizing, leadership and change management in technology infused enterprises. She currently serves as a Research Associate for the L'Oreal Institute for Ethnic Hair and Skin Research. She has teaching experience at the National Louis University in their College of Management and was the Dean of Students for the Living World Christian Center in Chicago. At RMU Dr Youngblood will teach classes mainly in Engineering Management in the distance education program for us as well as Value Design and other engineering courses for the undergraduate students.

Academic Administrator Changes for 2011

School of Education and Social Sciences
- Mary Ann Rafoth became dean of the SESS on August 1, 2011, replacing founding school dean John Graham.
- Shelly Haser comes to RMU from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She assumed her duties as Head of the Secondary Education and Graduate Studies Department on August 1.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences
- Valerie Howard was appointed as Director of the RISE Simulation Center and Director of Institutional Advancement for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- Joseph Angelelli was appointed as the Director of the Health Services Administration Program.

Academic Administrator Changes for 2011 (cont)

School of Business
- Darlene Motley was appointed Associate Dean of the School of Business. Darlene is the first African-American to hold this position at the University.
- Gayle Marco was appointed Associate Dean of the School of Business.
- David Synowka was appointed Department Head of Sport Management.
- Michele Cole was appointed interim Department Head of Management.

School of Communications and Information Systems
- Professor John Turchek was appointed interim head of the Computer and Information Systems Department.
- Elizabeth Stork was appointed head of the Organizational Leadership Department.
- From January 2011-May 2011, Rex Crawley and David Wood served as interim director of the Doctor of Science in Information Systems and Communications program. In June 2011, Dr. AJ Grant was appointed interim director of the doctoral program.
- Diane Todd-Bucci and Ed Karshner were appointed Director of Communications Skills Program, Courses I-V and Director, Communications Intensive Courses, respectively.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science
- Jeffrey Mitchell has been appointed Associate Dean of the School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science.
- John Hayward was appointed as Co-Head, SEMS-ROC for Grants & Research
- Arif Sirinterlikci was appointed as Director, Engineering Laboratories and Co-Head, SEMS-ROC for Student Engagement & Outreach
- Sarah M. Kerin assumed duties as the Manager of the SEMS-ROC/Outreach
BE THE CHANGE...IT CHANGES YOUR LIFE.

I would like to begin with two quotes from two historical figures known globally that are aligned with our campaign slogan: “Be the change that you want to see in the world” by Mohandas Gandhi; and, “to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often” by Winston Churchill.

For the past academic year, we took “BE THE CHANGE” to heart and put it into action. In April of this year, President Dell’Omo approved the name change of the Office of International Programs and Services to the Center for Global Engagement as “…it better reflects the philosophy expressed in our Core Value” as indicated by Provost Jamison. This name change, I believe, helps us all at RMU to think of a “Global Perspective” as a mindset in order to move university-wide efforts forward along with other initiatives that are globally focused. Also, it means that the Center will take on more comprehensive globalization projects that complement the existing functions like collaborating and providing support to departments across the university that help students develop and/or enhance their global perspective and become globally competent individuals.

Rooney Visiting Scholar Program
During spring 2011, women’s issues were highlighted under the “Our History is Our Strength” as the Rooney Visiting Scholar Program theme and three female scholars representing three different cultures visited RMU for the first time. For the fall 2011, the theme is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Italian Unification. Mr. Luca Guardabascio will be the Rooney Visiting Scholar from Italy. The School of Communications and Computer Information Systems’ Academic Media Center and Media Arts department will be his host and Michael DiLauro will be his host faculty. Also, Dr. Cathy Ramsey, Department Head of Italian Studies at American University in Rome will be at RMU from October 24th to November 6th. Her scholarly work has been Italian female authors from 1890 to present. Additionally, there will be a series of activities, events and programs throughout the semester as part of the celebration in order to further enrich the campus community with the lessons of this abounding culture. Please help us ensure a successful program by incorporating these learning opportunities into your class assignments.

Study Abroad
Three new programs were added during spring 2011, with a total of 109 RMU students participating in the faculty-led programs during the Fall 2010–Summer 2011 semesters: 3 students to Aruba, 1 student went to the United Arab Emirates, 7 students to Belize, 6 to Czech Republic, 16 to Sneem County, Ireland, 24 to Northern Ireland and Sligo, Ireland, 6 to Guatemala, 38 to Nicaragua (17 for Fall 2010, 3 for Spring 2011, and 18 for Summer 2011), and 12 to Switzerland, France, and Germany. In addition, 13 student completed a semester abroad for the 2010–2011 semester to Australia, Ireland, and Italy. This brings the total of 122 students for both semester and faculty-led program.

International Students
The number of international students is increasing steadily and diversifying our student population. In the last two semesters, the F-1 international student population has grown by over 40%. The top five countries represented by our international students are: Canada, Saudi Arabia, India, Brazil and China. This diverse group of students adds so much cultural richness and helps our institution embrace globalization. This variety of people means we have an opportunity to learn about backgrounds, traditions and ways of life we have never encountered before. The Center for Global Engagement can make cross-cultural materials available; and/or stands ready to provide any training or support a staff or faculty member may need. Furthermore, during this past year, our center worked very closely with various student services departments to streamline the policies, procedures and protocols related to our international students.
Developing A Global Perspective
For the first time, RMU collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports to offer a Global Engagement Professional Development Program for eight faculty, department heads, and administrators to Slovakia from June 3-18, 2011. As the host, the Ministry of Higher Education in Slovakia organized visits to four universities, the National Library, national gallery and historical sites. During the program, the RMU team worked with their counterparts to identify areas of mutual interest and begin work on joint projects/programs.
In summary, I would invite everyone to join my team and I on the BE THE CHANGE campaign for the Center for Global Engagement as IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE by having students participate in our study abroad programs, attending our cultural events and activities organized throughout semester, inviting the visiting scholars to your classrooms and/or just simply encouraging students to participate in our international student club, Carpe Mundum.

We have gone through a complete facelift and changed our website. Please take a look at it and let us know what you think and/or share with us your suggestions. Our web address is www.rmu.edu/global. Please do not hesitate to stop by our Center (2nd floor of Nicholson Building), call me (Ida Mansourian at 3429) or email me at mansourian@rmu.edu if you would like to ask questions or are interested in more information on any of the items mentioned above. Have a great academic year.

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<td>Candidate provides Dean with list of external reviewers (where applicable)</td>
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<td>Promotion Dossier due (to Dept. Head)</td>
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<td>Scholarship sent to external reviewers (where applicable)</td>
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<td>Monday January 16, 2012</td>
<td>Promotion Dossier (with completed external reviews) to Promotion Committee</td>
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New Academic Partnerships & Programs

School of Education and Social Sciences
The Elementary Education Department received program approval from PDE in the spring of 2011 for its new Post-Baccalaureate Pre-K-Grade 4 teacher certification program.

The Secondary Education and Graduate Studies Department received approval from the PA Department of Education to offer the Master of Education degree in Special Education.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science
SEMS launched a minor in Alternative Energy And Sustainability, 15 cr. It includes a SEMS track and a business track. Minor is available to all RMU students. The energy track on the graduate level is under development.

SEMS is developing courses for on-line MS, Engineering Management

SEMS developed new Master’s-level course on “Global Engineering Management”

SEMS has a new reactivated Board of Visitors with strong representation from all three disciplines. Four active committees: Strategic Planning for SEMS (future directions for the school based on new advances in technology and political climate), Community Relationships and Partnerships (networking opportunities for SEMS and promotion of school brand/including internships and job opportunities for students), Curricula and Projects (support and development of new curriculum, facilities and equipment for programmatic needs), and Fundraising (global perspective/international experience, scholarships for global experience, and professional development for faculty and students/New building for SEMS). Special emphasis in the discussion is on green energy and sustainability with consideration of Marcellus Shale development.

Engineering Department hosted the AMC2 Meeting on October 22, 2010. The event brought about 75 local and regional attendees interested in manufacturing engineering. The RMU Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) chapter members attended as well. Dr. Sirinterlikci organized and hosted the event. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (Dearborn, Michigan) brought a group of attendees of their National Leadership Series

Engineering Department in partnership with the Society for Women Engineers (SWE) student group, hosted girl scouts in grades 2-12 for Women In Engineering Day.

The fifth annual RMU Science Bowl was held in the Sewall Center on Saturday Jan. 29. Thirty-five high school faculty and students took part in the event as well as RMU faculty and student volunteers. The event is organized by the RMU Department of Science and the SEMS Research and Outreach Center.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences
The nursing department developed an RN-MSN online program for students with diplomas or associate degrees in nursing. Successful completion of this three year, accelerated program will result in the awarding of both a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a master’s degree in nursing education.

School of Business
The School of Business opened admission to its evening Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) program in Marketing effective Fall of 2009 and will open admissions to the evening BSBA in Management Fall 2011.

The SBUS developed two fully online undergraduate programs for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Economics and in Hospitality and Tourism Additionally, the SBUS now offers fully online programs for the Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Human Resource Management, and the Master of Science in Nonprofit Management. SBUS, along with Online and Off-Campus Programs, is also sponsoring professional certification in Nonprofit Management and Human Resource Management.

Effective Fall 2011, the SBUS will offer two minors: Minor in Economics and a Minor in Sustainability.
SBUS recently began a partnership with the Pittsburgh Symphony Organization which included hosting a panel discussion with PSO Leaders and Board members on February 21, 2011 followed by a cultural outing with faculty and business students to a performance on Beethoven Masterpieces at Heinz Theatre.

The School of Business is busy collaborating on two additional international programs, one in Slovakia and one in China in addition to the ongoing international programs in which it already participates.

**School of Communications and Information Systems**

Computer and Information Systems Department: This summer, the PDE approved a new B.S. degree in Cyber Forensics and Information Security. During the 2010-11 academic year--prior to approval of the B.S. degree--the department offered a concentration in Cyber Forensics and Information Security (the concentration will be discontinued in fall 2011). The department also developed two fully online M.S. programs: an M.S. in Internet Information Systems and an M.S. in Competitive Intelligence Systems. And the department began to globalize the CIS curriculum, adding European experiences with faculty from Comenius University (Bratislava, Slovakia).

English Department: Online and on-ground versions of the new concentration in Professional and Technical Writing were developed. The department also developed on-line versions of courses in the English major and for Communications Skills I-V. In addition, the department started offering language courses in Chinese (Mandarin) and Arabic.

Media Arts Department: Implemented changes to the concentration in Web design, leading to the B.A. or B.F.A. degree in Media Arts.

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**News from the Educational Technology Center**

**Congratulations to Faculty Summer Technology Academy Participants**

Faculty Technology Summer Academy sessions continued during this past Summer. Twenty-one faculty (including 3 part-time colleagues) attended Academy I and Academy II sessions. Chris Davis, Director of the Educational Technology Center, and Larry Tomei, Associate Provost, provided instruction in digital video, advanced Power Point, podcasting, videoconferencing, SMART Boards, and Live Classroom (Blackboard). Expansion of the ETC to include workshops on pedagogy and college teaching are being considered for Summer 2012. Congratulations to this year’s participants.

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ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY™
Professional Activities and Scholarly Opportunities

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

- The DNP Program was awarded a scholarship grant from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation in honor of Alvin Rogal. The grant was for $250,000 ($50,000/year for five years) to provide support for DNP capstone projects.
- Susan Van Cleve was elected president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, (NAPNAP).
- Carl Ross was selected for the “Catalyst for Change” award.
- Kirstyn Kameg received the Cameo of Caring-Educator award in Fall 2010, recognizing excellence in Nursing Education.
- William Wentling, first year nuclear medicine technology faculty, received the SGA Engagement with Students Award.
- Rho Mu Chapter of Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Imaging Sciences was chartered.
- Carl Ross received the “PA Nurse Educator for 2010” award from the Pennsylvania Nursing Association.
- Janene Szpak, the first Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) BSN_DNP graduate from the RMU nursing program, is also the first to graduate as a PMHNP BSN_DNP in the state.
- Lynn George was accepted as a fellow in the AACN Leadership for Academic Nursing Programs Fellowship Program.

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

- SEMS Visiting Scholar, Dr Tanvir Wasti, returned for 4 weeks in February and focused on STEM disciplines and their evolution over time. This resulted in a new 1xxx level course created on this topic.
- SEMS completed the third year of the 5-year NSF S-STEM grant (PI-Dr. Kalevitch, $522,000.00). The average cumulative GPA (QPA) of the STEM Scholars after two years is 3.44 which is the highest average QPA since the program started. There are two students who currently have a QPA of 4.00 and nine others who have a QPA of 3.50 or higher.
- SEMS Faculty submitted two grants to NSF, worth $ 496,807.00 by Dr. Maurer and Dr. Acharya. Two grants to foundations were submitted ($82,500.00) by Dr. Buxton, Dr. Sirinterlikci, Dr. Kalevitch and Mrs. Kerin. One grant to foundations is under preparation ($100,000.00) by Dr. Kerzmann and Dr. Short. This grant deals with air quality in the region.
- SEMS hosted the Allegheny & Beaver County Math Counts competition for the fourth year in a row
- SEMS-ROC worked with AMTV to audit faculty expertise in the school and identify research interests/clusters for the faculty
- Several Engineering Department faculty distinguished themselves at the American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition last month in Louisville, KY. They promoted the RMU manufacturing engineering program at their booth in the Manufacturing Engineering Pavilion exposition, an event also sponsored by RMU. They also presented five papers:
  - Arif Sirinterlikci: “Intelligent Rube Goldberg using Vex Robotics Development System” (with Sushil Acharya)
  - Arif Sirinterlikci: “Marrying Manufacturing Programs with Biological and Biomedical Engineering Fields”, “Teaching Reverse Engineering for Non-Industrial Applications”, “Design of a Flexible Thermoelectric Element”
  - Priyadarshan Manohar: “A Hands-on Course Curriculum for Supporting Design Education for Manufacturing Students”
- Engineering professors, Sirinterlikci and Murat Tiryakioglu, published a paper in the International Journal Of Modern Engineering, “Preserving Historical artifacts through Digitization and Indirect Rapid Tooling.”
- Engineering professor, Arif Sirinterlikci, associate professor of engineering, was honored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers with a resolution of appreciation for his role in planning the organization's 2010 NanoManufacturing Conference and Exhibits this past spring.
- Two Engineering professors, Yildirim Omurtag, professor of engineering and science, and interim head of the
Department of Engineering; and Arif Sirinterlikci, professor of engineering and co-head of SEMS Research and Outreach, were judges of a competition at the 2010 Pittsburgh Business Times Manufacturer of the Year Awards ceremony that was held on Dec. 3, 2010. Awards were given in Small, Medium, Large, and Mega Company Categories as well as in Sustainability. Arif Sirinterlikci, professor of engineering and SEMS Research and Outreach Center co-head, was awarded $2,000 by the Material Handling Education Foundation and Association of Inspection and Mobility towards the 2011 Automatic Identification and Data Capture Technical Institute to be held at Ohio University. Sirinterlikci was also invited by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers to its Journals Committee to determine new journals.

- Engineering professor, Yildirim Omurtag, interim head of the Department of Engineering, has received a $1,000 travel stipend and was invited to attend the 2011 NASA Academy of Aerospace Quality Workshop as a part of the NASA/Auburn University joint project on the Quality Leadership Forum, March 17-18 in Cape Canaveral, Fla. This is the third time Omurtag has been invited to this prestigious workshop.

- Engineering professor, Yildirim Omurtag, interim head of the Department of Engineering, was invited to serve as the keynote speaker in Phuket, Thailand, at the Ninth Annual Conference of International and National Engineering Education organized by the Council of Engineering Deans of Thailand. Omurtag’s speech was titled "Engineering Education in the Early 21st Century: Challenges and Changes" and was attended by more than 300 engineering deans, department heads, and faculty members from Thai engineering schools. Omurtag’s visit was arranged by Natha Kuptasthien, director of international programs at Rajamangala University of Technology-Thanayaburi (RMUTT), and hosted by university President Numyoot Songthanapitak. After the conference Omurtag visited the RMUTT campus and the campus of Mahidol University near Bangkok, and he presented seminars to the engineering faculty on engineering education.

- Engineering professor, Tony Kerzmann, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, formed an undergraduate student design team last semester to take part in the Engineering Sustainability Design Competition, sponsored by the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation. The students developed a proposal for a water pressure regulator that would reduce incoming water pressure by use of turbine to save the energy normally wasted by traditional pressure regulators. The students' proposal won them a spot in Phase 2 of the competition, in which they are given $1,500 to develop the design and create a prototype. They attended the Pennsylvania Regional Energy Efficient Building Competition at the Engineering Sustainability Conference in Pittsburgh 2011 to present the design and prototype. The RMU team competed against three other teams for a $5,000 prize. They won first place. They beat out teams from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. The students -- Eugene Werner, Allan Page, and Tom Teresi -- were advised by Tony Kerzmann, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

- Forty-three engineering students this year had a successful internships and coop experience

- Manufacturing Engineering students Brendan Mathers, a junior, and Nikki Rodgers, a senior, have received scholarships from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation. Mathers received a $2,500 scholarship and Rodgers received $2,000. Since 2007, six RMU students have received scholarships from this nationally competitive program, and some, including Mathers, have received more than one.

- Manufacturing Engineering student, Brendan Mathers, was awarded the Past Chairperson’s Educational Assistance Scholarship by the American Society for Materials, a $1,000 scholarship. Mathers was selected based on his scholastic achievement at RMU, an essay, participation in professional society activities, and the recommendations by the engineering faculty. This is a highly contested award for which Mathers beat out applicants from Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. Mathers is the first RMU student to earn a scholarship from the American Society for Materials.

- Manufacturing Engineering student, Brendan Mathers, was awarded the 2011 Directors Scholarship by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation. The scholarship is worth $7,000. He is the second RMU engineering student being awarded this prestigious scholarship. The first was 2009 graduate Chris Bird, who is currently working as a manufacturing engineer with Auma Actuators. Mathers also was the recipient of the 2009 Myrtle and Earl Walker Scholarship as well as 2010 E. Wayne Kay Scholarship by the SME Education Foundation.

- Mechanical Engineering student, Chris Chavez, received a 2-year, $10,000 scholarship from the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering.

- Engineering professor, Arif Sirinterlikci, wrote “Design and Manufacturing of Medical Devices with Antimicrobial Technology,” which was published in the 2011 Medical Manufacturing Yearbook of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. The paper was co-authored by biomedical engineering students Samantha Fogel and Justin Wissinger.
• Mathematics faculty members have four articles accepted for publication. Additionally, mathematics faculty members submit at least two other papers this year and at least four more papers are in preparation. Mathematics faculty members are active participants in at least four conferences.

• Mathematics faculty (PI Dr. VanDieren) completes year three of her three-year NSF-RUI grant. One year extension is given.

• Science department developed 3 new courses: Animal Behavior, Computational Biology and Immunology.

• Science Faculty members published 7 scholarly peer-reviewed publications, 3 scholarly book chapters, and submitted 4 additional publications.

• Gavin Buxton, assistant professor of physics, attended the Gordon Research Conference in Polymer Physics, where he presented a poster titled "Polymer Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery." The conference took place June 27-July 2 at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Buxton's research also was the focus of a talk by one of his collaborators, Anna Balazas from the University of Pittsburgh, who gave a talk titled "Designing Self-Propelled Polymeric Microparticles."

• Gavin Buxton, assistant professor of physics, has published a paper, "Mathematical modeling of microtubule dynamics: Insights into physiology and disease," in the journal Progress in Neurobiology. He co-authored the paper with Sandra L. Siedlak, George Perry, and Mark A. Smith from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. (Perry is also affiliated with the University of Texas at San Antonio.) The authors developed a computer simulation to study the impact of a new form of treatment for Alzheimer's disease.


• Maria Kalevitch, Dean of the School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science participated in the annual conference organized of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM). The conference took place in April in London, bringing together more than 100 people from Europe, Asia, the United States, and Middle East. Keynote speaker was Tony Juniper, former executive director of Friends of the Earth who also works with Prince Charles on issues of environmental sustainability. CIWEM is working for the public benefit for a clean, green and sustainable world. CIWEM is the only independent, chartered professional body and registered charity with an integrated approach to environmental, social, and cultural issues.

• Science Faculty, Paul Badger, hosted a one-day Spectroscopy Workshop for area high school teachers.

• RMU hosted the 8th annual actuarial career fair for summer internships and full-time positions. Actuarial science Alum dinner took place in September.

• Actuarial Science secured the largest endowed scholarship in the history of RMU-$1,000,000.00 from Highmark, Inc. This scholarship will attract up to 4 students with diverse background.

School of Education and Social Sciences

• The Secondary Education and Graduate Studies Department co-sponsored the 28th Annual In-Service Seminar for Business Educators called "Educating for Success” with the Computer and Information Systems Department with approximately 150 attendees. The faculty also hosted a Guidance Counselor Workshop on Bullying with approximately 60 attendees.

• SESS continued in its partnership with SCIS in coordinating professional development opportunities for Early Childhood educators funded by a $100,000 PNC Foundation grant secured by these two schools.

• The Secondary Education and Graduate Studies Department partnered with the Elementary Education Department to host the annual “Best Practices in K-12 Education” Conference in November 2010.

• John McCarthy, in collaboration with Moon Township, was awarded a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant totaling $45,000 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, for a community development project in the Mooncrest neighborhood of Moon Township. The project will involve creating local history lesson plans, conducting oral interviews, and completing a National Register for Historic Places application for the neighborhood.

• Daniel Barr provided the opportunity for 16 students to tour Washington, DC, traveled with two students to the American Historical Association in Boston; traveled with 15 students to historical sites as part of the Colonial/American Revolution Study Tour course; and in cooperation with Dr. McCarthy, provided the opportunity for nine History Club members to tour New Orleans.

• Philip Harold was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State and conducted
research in Germany for a book he plans on the language of values in politics.

- Stephen Paul provided the opportunity for 22 Psychology of Paranormal Beliefs students to visit a popular site in the spring often visited by people who accept certain paranormal beliefs. Dr. Paul and Dr. William Kelly provided eight RMU Applied Psychology majors with the opportunity to present their research findings at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Research Conference at Westminster College.

- Dr. Shellie Hipsky was keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania Conference of Black Higher Education in February, 2011. Her presentation topic was African American Women Pursuing Doctorate Degrees at Primarily White Institutions (PWIs).

- Cari Bernadowski was named a national finalist for The Outstanding Article Award at the International Reading Association Convention in Orlando, Florida.

- Bob Del Greco served on the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Kindergarten Advisory Committee for the past two years.

- John Graham serves on the advisory boards for Allegheny Community College and Parkway West Vocational/Technical School.

- Rick Fuller serves as treasurer and is on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of College Teacher Educators.

- Mary Hansen serves as consulting editor of The Journal of Educational Research and reviewer for Educational Measurement and Teaching and Teacher Education.

- Donna Cellante serves as a reviewer for the National Association of Business Teacher Educators Review.

- James Bernauer serves an AERA reviewer for four divisions

- Larry Tomei published two books, Designing Instruction for the Traditional, Adult, and Distance Learner and ICTS for Modern Educational and Instructional Advancement (editor). With Dr. Chris Davis, he also was a featured speaker at the 2011 Blackboard BbWorld Conference this past summer.

School of Business

- The SBUS faculty jointly published 210 journal articles and contributed 259 other intellectual contributions including book chapters and conference proceedings.

- The SBUS, along with other regional schools, recently established the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Association for Women MBAs.

- SBUS is now the sponsor for the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), which held a Spring seminar at the Omni William Penn and will host a Fall kick-off event in October.

- SBUS organized and hosted two Speaking of Business lectures, one in November 2010 with Diana L. Froats, H.J. Heinz Company, discussing "Enterprise Risk Management" and one in April 2011 with RMU Alumni Tim Quigley, Director of Solar-Tec, discussing the alternative energy business.

- SBUS organized and hosted the “2nd International Conference on Sustainable Enterprises of the Future” in September 2010 at RMU. The third conference is scheduled for September 2011.


- SBUS sponsored the Massey Business Innovation and Sustainability Workshop that involved three local high schools: Moon, Montour and Carrick High Schools. Students participated in an all day workshop with SBUS faculty and school counselors. Student teams then worked on a case study and had to provide responses and solutions to the case presented by several SBUS faculty. Carrick students won this competition.

- The Accounting Department was awarded a $10,000 grant from PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a program to recruit minority students to accounting. The event will occur in Fall 2011.

- The Department of Economics and the center for Economic Education sponsored “The American Corporation”, which engaged more than 100 high school students and SBUS faculty in discourse on business and the economy.

- The 35th Sport Management Anniversary Celebration was held in conjunction with the Student Conference with over 100 alumni, students, staff and friends in attendance. The highlight of the anniversary was a roast of David Synowka, Director of Sport Management.

- RMU students and Sports Management faculty hosted the tenth annual Western Pennsylvania Special Olympics Bowling Competition.

- Artemisia Apostolopoulou is an associate editor for Sport Marketing Quarterly.

- Michele Cole serves as a reviewer for IASTED and is a member of the editorial board of IJICTE.

- Nell Hartley serves as a reviewer for the Journal of Management History.
- Jasmin Lin is on the editorial board of the Academy of Information and Management Sciences Journal and serves as a facilitator and reviewer for the Academy of Management.
- John Clark, Marcel Minutolo, and Darlene Motley, along with several other RMU members, participated in a June 2011 International Exchange to explore academic opportunities in Slovakia.
- Sam Karadag taught a course entitled Cultural Hospitality of World Tourism in Albania for two weeks in April 2011.
- Gayle Marco taught a course entitled International Marketing in Europe for two weeks in May 2011.
- Richard Mills and Cathi Jones served as judges PA FELA 60th State Leadership Conference.
- Marcel Minutolo received the Best Reviewer Award for 2010 from the Institute for Behavioral and Applied Management (IBAM). He received the award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor from the Society for Advancement of Science in 2011. He serves as a reviewer for Journal of Behavioral and Applied Management.
- Yasmin Purohit serves on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Organizational Culture, Communications and Conflict and the Journal of International Business Research. She is also a member of the Board of Eastern Academy of Management.
- Alan Smith serves on the Editorial Review Board for 4 journals and is a reviewer for numerous journals. He was designated as the National DSI (Decision Sciences Institute) campus representative for RMU.
- Mark Eschenfelder and Brian O’Roark continued as co-directors of The Leonard M. Kokkila Center for Economics Education at Robert Morris University which is affiliated with Economics Pennsylvania (11 centers in Pennsylvania) and the Council for Economic Education (275 centers in the United States).
- Derya Jacobs and Maria Kalevitch are the co-chairs of the newly created Robert Morris University Energy Advisory Council, which also consists of major industry leaders.
- Derya Jacobs was recently elected as Vice-President of the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges of Business Administration. She also serves on the Faculty Advisory Council of the National Association of Corporate Directors- Three Rivers Chapter. Dean Jacobs made a presentation on the School of Business and Robert Morris University on emerging business topics to the Sewickley YMCA Senior Men’s Club.
- Sam Karadag was the faculty representative for the, HATMA Association and escorted six R M U students to the annual International Hotel Motel Show in New York City.
- Darlene Motley was selected as one of the Pittsburgh Courier’s 2011Women of Excellence. She serves on the Board of Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management, FAME and the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, and is director for ICJTP, an inner city tennis program.
- Denis Rudd, Director of Hospitality & Tourism, is Advisory Board member of the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute and Parkway West area Vo-Tech School. Dr. Rudd also had two television appearances.

School of Communications and Information Systems

- Forty-four students studied in Ireland: 19 SCIS students studied with Dr. Andrea Frantz (Communication Department) and Professor Christine Holtz (Media Arts) in Sneem, Ireland; 25 students studied with Professor Jim Vincent (English Department) and Dr. Heather Pinson (Communication Department) in Armagh, Ireland.
- Students from Professor Radermacher’s 3D Design Principles course work on a joint design project with students from the Academy of Fine Arts in Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Rooney Scholars: SCIS hosted three Rooney Scholars:
  - Dr. Carolina Loyola-Garcia (Media Arts) hosted Dr. Andrea Jeftanovic.
  - Dr. Elizabeth Stork (Organizational Studies) hosted Dr. Shala Talebi.
  - Dr. Diane Todd-Bucci (English Department) hosted Dr. Brenda Flanagan.
- Media Arts Visiting Scholars: Dr. Richard Grupenhoff (renowned scholar in the history of early African-American cinema) and Professor Hasan Elahi (multi-media artist)
- SCIS signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU’s) and cooperative agreements with four universities: University of SsCyril and Methodius (Slovakia), Chengdu Hexie Education Development Co, Lit. (Sichuan, China), University of Bremen (Bremen, Germany) and University of Molise (Campobasso, Italy).
- Society for Collegiate Journalists (SCJ, Communication Department) inducted 22 students.
- Lambda PiEta (Communication Department Honors Society) inducted 27 students.
- Alpha Psi Omega (National Theater Society, Communication Department) inducted 15 students.
- Alpha Iota Mu (Computer and Information Systems Honor Society) inducted 25 students.
• Sigma Tau Delta (International Society of English Majors): The English Department was granted a new charter in spring 2011 for a chapter of the international organization; inducted 10 charter members.
• Alpha Sigma Lambda (Organizational Studies Department Honors Society) inducted four students.
• The Computer and Information Systems (CIS) Department hosted the WorldVistA Conference, an international, professional conference on healthcare informatics.
• The CIS Department's student chapter of the Association for Information Technology Professionals co-hosted meetings and presentation with the professional chapter.
• The CIS Department hosted two corporate presentations about careers in Information Systems and an academic seminar with Prentice Hall on developments in Windows 7.
• The Communication Department organized and hosted the Festival of Five Freedoms. Supported by a grant from the Liberty Tree and 1 for All and McCormick Foundations, the one-day conference promoted First Amendment education across campus and among regional high schools (nearly 300 high school students attended).
• Creativity at Work, co-sponsored with Career Services, provided seminars for more than 100 Communication and Media Arts students to explore professional career options.
• TVT—the AMC, in conjunction with SCIS and the TVT Board, coordinated, hosted and produced the annual conference on television and video production for high school teachers and a second one that recognized student achievement in video production. More than 480 high school students and teachers from 24 schools participated in a day-long festival devoted to student achievement in video production. RMU students assisted in producing the festival.
• Dr. Rex Crawley received two grants for BMLDI (Black Male Leadership Development Institute) from the Heinz Endowment ($150K) and the Buhl Foundation ($50K) for developing and implementing leadership training for high school students.
• The English Department and the Education Department continued to administer a joint $100K from the PNC “Preschool Teacher Communication Skills Project.” Dr. AJ Grant, Dr. John Lawson, Dr. Connie Ruzich and Dr. Diane Todd-Bucci are principal co-investigators with four Education Department faculty members.
• Dr. Andrea Frantz received a $5,000 grant from the Liberty Tree through the 1 for All and McCormick Foundations to host the Festival of Five Freedoms conference on First Amendment education for Communication/Journalism students and nearly 300 high school students.
• Dr. Ken Gargaro received five grants for $5,000 or more from the following foundations: Buhl, Grable, Heinz, Highmark and Laurel.
• Professor Tim Hadfield was awarded a Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council Artist’s Opportunity Grant to support an exhibition (“Mixed Signals”) at the Andy Warhol Museum.
• Professor Carolina Loyola-Garcia received two grants: a $9,000 grant from the Heinz Endowment, Small arts Initiative and a $9,500 grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation, A.W. Mellon Fund to support the production of a documentary on the history of flamenco arts in the U.S.

Library Update

In October 2010, the Pittsburgh Center Library closed its doors after five decades of service. Within a three-week period, almost 1,700 books were given to the University's faculty, staff and students in a two-day give-away; 10,034 volumes were placed in storage for eventual transfer to the Campus library; 9,000+ bound periodical volumes were sent to a recycler and 11,660 titles were shipped to Better World Books Incorporated, a bookseller committed to dividing its profits from the sale of the books with RMU and a variety of non-profit literacy initiatives. The intensive closing operation was the culmination of six months of planning and - along with the fact that every member of the Library played a part in its success - we are particularly proud that all periodicals, books and microform materials which were not sold, given away or retained, were recycled in an environmentally responsible manner. As of August 15 2011, all Pittsburgh materials other than the University’s Archives, which await restoration in a new home, have been integrated into the Campus Library's collection.

The Campus Library downsized its federal Government Documents collection. Retained items include ERIC documents on microfiche in addition to some heavily used statistical sources. The RMU Library is committed to the Federal Depository Library Program as it evolves from a traditional print-based collection to one of electronic access only.

By the end of the 2011-2012 academic year, the Media Library should complete the process of converting its VHS
collection of materials to DVD format. To-date, over 300 titles have been re-purchased for this conversion. Please keep in mind that new DVDs are being purchased all the time and that faculty are able to recommend and preview new titles throughout the year.

Mergent Online is a recent database acquisition that provides access to current and historical information for 10,000 national and international publicly traded companies. The database provides comprehensive corporate information including: executives, ownership, company financials, equity pricing, filings, news and competitors. In addition, Mergent Online features an extremely powerful Report Builder function that facilitates the creation of a wide variety of detailed custom reports. Mergent Online can be found on the Library’s web site by clicking the “Finding Articles/Databases” link and selecting Mergent from either the "Business" or "A-Z database" listings.

Scholarly Activity

Publications:

Presentations:
Abi Ibraheem was a delegate and presented a paper titled: “Whither Evidence-Based Librarianship: A Comparative Reflection on the Practices in Some University Libraries in Nigeria, UK and USA”, at the Sixth Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP6) International Conference hosted by the University of Salford in Manchester, United Kingdom, June 27th -June 30th 2011. The paper discussed the inconsistency in the standards of librarianship practice in the developed and developing countries especially in Nigeria, Uk and USA.

Student Engagement Programs

Participation in the Student Engagement Transcript program dramatically increased. In the 2010-11 academic year, almost 2,000 students (1,937 exactly) participated in activities that were included on their SETs, representing an increase of 91.2% over the prior academic year. Among graduating seniors, for whom the program was optional, almost 400 (383 exactly) participated in activities that were included on their SETs, representing an increase of 55.7% over the prior academic year.

Beginning this fall, all freshmen, sophomores, juniors and new transfer students will be required to complete at least two engaged learning activities in order to graduate from RMU. By Spring 2013, every undergraduate student will receive both an academic transcript and engagement transcript upon graduation. The participation rates show that our students are taking this program seriously and are actively engaging with the RMU and surrounding community. Thank you to the faculty and staff who have worked to create new opportunities for our students to become engaged.

To ensure that students are on the right track to graduate, the Engaged Learning Office has added a special Engaged Learning Advisor, Terri Byrnes, to its ranks. Terri will be responsible for rolling out a new comprehensive advising system so that all students fulfill their engaged learning graduation requirements. Terri’s new office is located in 117 Lafayette.