Those Hazy – But Busy – Days of Summer

SUNY Canton hosted a public information session for the Governor’s Start-Up NY program and was set to host a visit from the Governor himself before it was postponed. A lot of energy went into their planning and preparation. I’ve already thanked the “feet on the ground” who worked on these two events, but I also wanted to say a special thank you to the University Police for their behind-the-scenes efforts to ensure all of our safety – something they do every day.

A week later, we moved to the press conference and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for shared services between SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam. This MOU discusses what the two colleges have agreed to share, are in the process of sharing, and what we are planning to share. Underlying the MOU are processes that will ensure all decisions regarding shared services are made locally and approved jointly. Shared Services, if done right, will result in improved efficiencies and significant cost savings. This MOU will go a long way toward making this happen.

This month we offer congratulations to Prof. JD DeLong on his appointment as Dean of the School of Business & Liberal Arts and to Mr. Bruce Smith, our new Director of Admissions; we wish them well in their new endeavors. We also offer our gratitude for the services of Dr. Maureen Maiocco as Interim Dean of the School of Business & Liberal Arts and Mr. Mike Perry as Interim Director of Admissions; they stepped up when asked and made great strides in these areas.
iPads & Innovation

Southworth Library Learning Commons Goes Virtual

Virtual reality has come to SUNY Canton! Posters throughout the library feature librarians holding up books. Just scan your mobile device over the picture and the librarians come to life, telling you all about the books they’re holding.

This is just one of the innovations that earned Assistant Librarians Michael Magilligan and Jennifer Whittaker (pictured here) a standing ovation from their peers at the SUNY Librarians Association (SUNYLA) annual conference in June.

They have also incorporated Quick Reference (QR) Codes throughout the library, from periodicals to the stacks. If you would like to borrow an iPad to explore these resources, just ask; there are several available for loan.

The entire library staff has worked hard to enhance the overall experience of our library patrons – students, staff, and faculty alike – using mobile technologies. And there’s more to come! If you want to know more, visit with our superb librarians and ask for a tour.

Wind Turbine Update

We continue to explore the feasibility of building a wind turbine here on campus. The results of several studies – including some environmental impact assessments, an ambient sound report, and a visual assessment – are online at www.canton.edu/wind. The second public information session is set for Wednesday, July 17 (tonight) at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingston Theater. Representatives of the College will join partners from Sustainability Energy Developments (SED) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to present the most recent findings and answer questions from the community. I hope that many of you can attend. If you can’t be there, the presentation will be posted on the Wind web page (noted above) after the event.