

Convocation 2009



Tuesday, August 18– Friday, August 21



Tuesday, August 18

9:00 – 10:00

Fall Semester Opening Program and President's Address

Ritsche Auditorium, Stewart Hall

Greetings from presidents/representatives of Student Government, Faculty Association, AFSCME- Council 5, MSUAASF, MAPE and MMA.

Introduction of Devinder M. Malhotra, VPAA & Craig Wruck VP of University Advancement.

Opening Address: President Earl H. Potter III

10:00 – 1:00

Campus Reception for New Provost and New Vice President

Theatre Lounge and Alumni Room, Atwood Center

11:30 – 12:45

Lunch on Your Own –Vendors: Garvey Commons, Einstein Bagels & Subway in Atwood

11:30 – 1:00



President's Luncheon for New Faculty, New MSUAASF and New Administrators

Cascade Room, Atwood Center

1:00 – 4:30

College Meetings: Location Announced by College

Provost visits each college.

5:00 – 6:30



Provost's Reception for New Faculty

Kiehle Art Gallery, Kiehle Hall



Wednesday, August 19

8:30 – 9:00 *Continental Breakfast for Faculty and Staff*
Ritsche Auditorium Lobby, Stewart Hall

9:00 – 10:00 *Keynote Speaker: Robert Costanza, PhD*
Ritsche Auditorium

10:00 – 10:45 *Q/A with Robert Costanza*
Ritsche Auditorium

10:45 – 11:00 Break

Concurrent Sessions A

11:00 – 12:15 *Sustainability in the Five Colleges: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service*
Voyageurs North

Faculty representing each of the colleges will share their experiences with using themes of sustainability in their classroom, scholarly and service activities. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the activities of the Faculty Task Force on Sustainability.

Facilitators: Mitch Bender, Julie Andrzejewski, Dennis Guster, Matthew Goodwin & Chris Jazwinski

11:00 – 12:15 *WW (Wikis and the Writing Center)*
Granite Room

This session addresses writing skills in the context of Web 2.0 tools, namely a wiki. Practical experience of collaboration between faculty and graduate students in undergraduate environment are shared and opened for discussion.

Facilitators: Carol Mohrbacher & Plamen Miltenoff

11:00 – 12:15 *What's Hot in Technology?*
Miller Center 207

Ever heard of Twitter? How about Doodle, Meebo, or Jing? Want to know what “Cloud Computing” is all about? Join us for a look at what’s hot right now with technology. We’ll explore a few types of web-based technologies and answer questions about how you could use them at SCSU.

Facilitators: Casey Wagner, Mark Kotcho & Brad Grabham

11:00 – 12:15 *Study Abroad Opportunities for Faculty*
Glacier South

This session will focus on opportunities for faculty to lead short and long term study abroad programs in a variety of locations around the world.



Facilitators: Merton Thompson, Fatemeh Zarghami, Marcia Thompson & Jack McKenna

11:00 – 12:15

The CAT's Meow – Using Classroom Assessment Techniques to Enhance Learning
Voyageurs South

Instructors can use classroom assessment techniques (CATs) to find out what, how much, and how well their students are learning. This session will define CATs, discuss how to use CAT's and will give examples of CATs that require a low to medium level for faculty to prepare, students to respond, and faculty to analyze.

Facilitator: Marc Markell

12:15 – 1:15

President's Sustainable Lunch (Lunch Buffet)
Catered by Sodexo with locally grown foods.
Ballroom, Atwood Center

Concurrent Sessions B

1:30 – 2:45

Sustainable Campus: Stewardship of the Whole
Voyageurs North

1:30 – 2:45

Creating and Maintaining a Veterans Friendly Campus
Glacier South

SCSU has over 500 students who identify as veterans, military members (current/prior). This session will focus on the lessons learned since Aug of 2006 on creating a veterans friendly campus.

Facilitator: Laura Boden, Regional Coordinator & Don Pfeffer, Director Higher Education Veterans Program

1:30 – 2:45

What have we learned? Student learning in Racial Issues Courses
Voyageurs South

A group of Racial Issues faculty will present four years of data from a Racial Issues survey instrument with discussion to follow. Three areas will be the focus of the analysis: student comprehension, attitudes and behaviors.

Facilitators: Michael Tripp, Kyoko Kishimoto, Luke Tripp, David Robinson, Darlene St. Clair & Jeanne Lacourt.

1:30 – 2:45

Foundations of Excellence Phase I:
Strategies for Implementing the Recommendations from the Self-Study
Glacier North

As stated in the *Foundations of Excellence* Final Report, the implementation phase of the project (= "Phase II") formally begins with Fall Convocation 2009. The purpose of these sessions is to widen the circle of discussion of the recommendations produced by the Task Force by inviting all interested faculty/staff to become informed about and contribute to the implementation process (N.B. The *FoE* report will have been distributed to units campus-wide prior to the beginning of the fall semester).



Facilitators: Mike Gilbert & Dave Warne

1:30 – 2:45

Sustainable Energy: What is it?
Granite Room

This discussion will focus on the meaning of “sustainable energy;” why it is a prerequisite for a healthy society and environmental sustainability, and its implications for future generations. The discussion will also address energy sources and strategies compatible with sustainable energy.

Facilitators: Tony Akubue

3:00-4:30

D2L QuickStart
Miller Center 218

This is a basic introduction to the Desire2Learn course management system including an overview of tools, the structure and processes for D2L at SCSU, resources for training and support, and a discussion with participants of their specific needs, requests, and questions. If attendees plan to use the D2L system for Fall 2009 courses, they should submit a Faculty Course Request, available at

<http://huskynet.stcloudstate.edu/instructional/d2l/courserequest.asp> .

Facilitator: Tom Hergert, Karen Thoms, Rich Josephson and Plamen Miltenoff

3:00 – 4:30

President’s Reception Faculty & Staff Service Awards: Join President Potter and campus colleagues to recognize and thank dedicated faculty and staff for their years of service.
Atwood Ballroom



Thursday, August 20

8:00 – 9:00

Budget Update
Voyageurs South

This session will provide the FY 09 preliminary year-end overview, the outcomes of FY 10 planning and the beginning conversations regarding FY 2011 and 2012.

Facilitators: Steve Ludwig & Dan Gregory

8:30 – 10:45



NEW FACULTY *Academic and Human Resources Orientation, Part 1*
Cascade Room

Facilitators: Dan Wildeson & Jeanne Duininck

Concurrent Sessions A

9:00 – 10:45

Important Shifts in University Policies:
A. Academic Probation and Suspension B. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum
Ritsche Auditorium

Facilitators: Mitch Rubinstein, Jean Hoff, Steve Klepetar, Mike Sharp, Sue Bayerl & Mike Uran

9:00 – 10:45

New Library Resources for All Faculty
Miller Center 207

This session will provide an update of the library's online resources and services that address the needs of faculty in their teaching and research.

Facilitators: Melissa Prescott, Robin Ewing, Cindy Gruwell & Jennifer Quinlan

9:00 – 10:45

Advising Student Organizations
Alumni Room

The session will clarify the role of student organization advisers, explain the benefits and rewards of advising, and share advising opportunities that are available. Seasoned student organization advisers will share their experiences and discuss how their efforts have contributed significantly to the growth and development of students through co-curricular activities.

Facilitators: Jessica Lauritsen & Matt Trombley

10:45 – 11:00

Break

Concurrent Sessions B

11:00 – 12:15

General Education and Advising in a Year of Transition
Glacier South



This session will explain the current situation regarding general education at SCSU, including a detailed look at the general education curriculum for this transitional year.

Facilitators: Steve Klepetar & Mike Sharp

11:00 – 12:15

Teaching with Web 2.0 Tools

Glacier North

Use of Web 2.0 in education, introducing participants to the terminology, definitions and concepts of Web 2.0 tools. Group-based work will include demonstration of how Web 2.0 tools are applied in specific D2L class, followed by discussion about advantages, disadvantages and the niche for Web 2.0 in the learning and teaching process.

Facilitators: Jo Flanders & Plamen Miltenoff

11:00 – 12:15

Understanding & Teaching OUR First Year Students
Granite Room

Who are our new entering students? Where are these students intellectually upon entering the university? And most importantly, how do we teach them? This panel will discuss some answers to these questions, equipping participants with an arsenal of tips for understanding and teaching first year students at SCSU.

Facilitators: Victoria Williams & Christine Metz

11:00 – 12:15

Improving Teaching International Students at SCSU
Voyageurs South

The goals of this session will be to raise awareness about teaching and learning issues in multicultural classrooms at SCSU as a catalyst for organizing university-wide conversations on improving teaching international students.

Facilitator: Nataliya Balabanova

11:00 – 12:15

Foundations of Excellence Phase II: Repeat and Continue Discussion from Wed. B4
Voyageurs North

12:15 – 1:00

Quick Lunch on your own – Vendors: Garvey Commons, Einstein Bagels, Pizza Hut & Subway in Atwood

1:00 – 3:00

Department Meetings: Locations to be announced by Departments

3:00-4:30

Summary of Instructional Technology for All Faculty
Miller Center 218

This is a general overview of instructional technology resources, training, and support available for faculty at SCSU. We'll address access to resources, the range of services available, and how to set up specific elements for classes, groups, and individuals. We'll also introduce technology resources for research and information access through library services.

Facilitators: Rich Josephson, Brad Grabham and Mark Kotcho



3:00 – 4:30

LGBT & Allies Reception
Voyageurs North

Friday, August 21

8:00 – 11:30

Building Your Online Course with the Quality Matters Rubric
Miller Center 207

This training will explore the Quality Matters Rubric and will provide you with the framework that will allow you to build a quality online course. Participants in this hands-on workshop will use the Quality Matters rubric to design their online course and to develop a course development plan. This session will be of interest to faculty, staff, and instructional designers, who are in the process of building an online course. The purpose of this workshop is to provide suggestions and ideas that participants can use when developing an online course.

Facilitators: Susan Erickstad (& Patty Aceves)

Concurrent Sessions A

9:00 – 10:15

Goal Setting & Teaching What should students know & be able to do when they finish a course?
Voyageurs North

What should students know and be able to do when they finish a course? When they graduate from SCSU? How do you decide where to focus? How do you communicate this to students? We will examine research on faculty goal setting, and then discuss ideas for classroom practice.

Facilitators: Nancy Mills & Geoffrey Tabakin

9:00 – 10:15

Assessment I CLA: Performance Tasks That Engage Students in Critical Thinking
Voyageurs South

Are you interested in developing realistic problems in your discipline that require your students to use higher order thinking skills such as critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving, and written communication? Learn the purpose and process of the CLA Academy, a two-day workshop focused on curricular and pedagogical work that complements institution-wide assessment practices.

Facilitators: Sandra Johnson & Suzanne Stangl-Erkens

9:00 – 10:15

Virtual World in Education
Glacier North

Second Life is one of the most prominent virtual world (VW) applications. Brief history and description of what VWs are will be accompanied by a presentation of an avatar's behavior in Second Life. Going beyond a demonstration, the goal is to spur a discussion about possible educational use of simulations and gaming in VW.

Facilitators: Kristian Twombly, Plamen Miltenoff, Adesegun Oyedele & Elaine Davis

**9:00 – 10:15*****A Conversation about Vision for Community Engagement***
Glacier South

This session is intended to present the work of the Community Engagement Workgroup to a wider audience, and gather feedback. Goals of the session include: To share a model for community engagement, to present information related to community engagement, collected from internal and external audiences, during spring 2009 and to refine a vision for community engagement that is meaningful across constituent groups and will help institutionalize a culture of engagement at SCSU.

Facilitators: Isolde Mueller, Beth Knutson-Kolodzne & Wanda Overland

9:00 – 10:15***University-wide Diversity Task Force Update and Discussion***
Mississippi Room

The Diversity Task Force and Steering Committee have been meeting since November 2008 to accomplish the President's charge of creating a meaningful Diversity Plan for SCSU. Join members of the Diversity Task Force for an update of activities, efforts and progress toward a Diversity Plan at St. Cloud State University.

Facilitators: Jane Olsen & Shahzad Ahmad.

10:15 – 10:30**Break****10:00 – 1:00*****CETL Café***
Atwood Ballroom

Need a place to rest, have a cup of coffee or chat with fellow colleagues about the day's events? Well look no further. The CETL Café offers a quiet place amongst the hustle and bustle to relax and collect your thoughts. See you there!


10:00 – 1:00***Technology Safari***
Atwood Ballroom

Come and discover new technologies in a unique, hands-on learning adventure. SCSU faculty, staff and student technology naturalists will bravely guide you through an exploration of new and emerging technologies being used in their natural, academic habitat. This safari will lead you through ferocious mashups, give you a bird's-eye-view of the virtual lab, swing through iTunes U and tour the every-popular social networking exhibit. During feeding time, you might even catch a glimpse of the Del.icio.us application, or use Adobe Connect to track activities in far-away lands. Throughout the tour, you will have the opportunity to observe, ask questions and try out any of the technologies at the zoo.

10:00 – 1:00***Campus Information Fair***
Atwood Ballroom



What support services does St. Cloud State have to offer you? Come find out at the campus information fair! Check out what your students will be up to this year at the UPB & CSOLD booth, figure out where you can park at the Public Safety table or learn how you can get involved with Volunteer Connections. All of these resources and many more will be available for your questions.

10:30 – 12:00  **Glacier South** *IFO w/ Rod Henry & Russ Stanton*

10:30 – 11:45 *Anti-Racist Pedagogy Across the Curriculum*
Glacier North

Facilitators: Debra Leigh

10:30 – 11:45 *Social Networking and Education*
Voyageurs South

The session is geared to audience from beginners to advanced users of social networking applications. The first and underlying theme is to overview social networking applications beyond Facebook and MySpace. The second and more important theme is to share among participants methods of using these applications as educational tools or in education.

Facilitator: Plamen Miltenoff

10:30-11:45 *The State of Technology Vision and Management at SCSU*
Mississippi Room

This session is designed with two purposes in mind. First, to provide an update on where we are with Technology Planning at SCSU by addressing the following: where we have been and where we are going; an updated version of elements of our vision, and the results of technology visioning sessions. Second, to allow for further interaction about the technology vision.

Facilitators: Judy Kilborn and Phil Thorson

10:30 – 11:45  **ALL NEW EMPLOYEES *Human Resources***
Voyageurs North

Facilitators: Jeanne Duininck

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch on your own** – Vendors: Garvey Commons, Einstein Bagels & Subway in Atwood

1:00 – 3:00  **NEW FACULTY *Academic Orientation, Part II***
Voyageurs North

Facilitators: Dan Wildeson



Concurrent Sessions C

1:00 – 2:15

Internal and External Funding
Mississippi Room

A brief overview will be provided related to internal sources of funding for research and scholarly activities. In addition, we will review how to find external funding sources, proposal development and the services available through Sponsored Programs followed by an interactive discussion related to external grants and contracts.

Facilitators: Linda Donnay & Drew Daak

1:00 – 2:15

Assessment II: Linking Course-Level Assessment of Student Learning to Program Assessment
Glacier North

College teachers devote considerable effort to evaluating student work in their courses. This rich source of information about student learning often is insufficiently utilized for program-level assessment. This workshop will help participants design course materials that can be used to assess student learning at both the course and program levels.

Facilitators: Joe Melcher, G.N. Rangamani & Sandy Johnson

1:00 – 2:15

Web 2.0 Security: What we should know and should not do.
Voyageurs South

The session is geared to audience from beginners to advanced users and concentrates on the issues of Internet security. The transition from Web 1.0 to Web 2.0 applications is accompanied by a proliferation of Internet scams and security breaches. Some basic Internet security ideas are offered.

Facilitators: Tirthankar Ghosh, Plamen Miltenoff & Darrin Printy

1:00 – 2:15

What Can the Academic Learning Center Do for You?
Granite Room

Do your students take good notes, understand texts, and adequately prepare for tests? If not, we can help. The ALC offers academic support for students and works with faculty to support the success of students. This session discusses services provided; including tutoring, study skills advice, presentations tailored to your classes' needs.

Facilitators: Victoria Williams, Nancy Mills, Cari Kenner & Deborah Biorn

**1:00 – 2:15*****Supporting Victims of Crime in Your Classroom***
Oak Room

Learn about appropriate referrals both on and off campus, what you can do to contribute to their recovery and success, when it is time to encourage a student to take time away from the university and safety issues you may need to consider for your classroom. This session will also cover the state and federal laws university personnel and faculty must follow when a student tells you they have experienced a sexual assault or are dealing with dating violence or stalking.

Facilitators: Lee LaDue & Sheila Johnson

2:15 – 2:30**Break****Concurrent Sessions D****2:30 – 3:45*****Accommodations for Students During Internships and Clinical Placements: Defining Responsibilities***
Voyageurs South

The Office of Clinical Experiences in the College of Education worked with Student Disability Services during spring semester of 2009 to develop a structure to accommodate students with disabilities in of campus placements for field experiences and student teaching. This session will focus on modifying this structure to meet the needs of other SCSU Colleges and departments when placing students off campus

Facilitators: Owen Zimpel & Fran Umerski

2:30 – 3:45***Access Campus Software with Virtual Lab***
Granite

Join us for an overview of SCSU's Virtual Lab, a tool that allows you to access SCSU software applications from any computer with an Internet connection, without installing the software on that computer. Additionally, we will provide updates on other new technology coming to SCSU, such as Windows Vista in some classrooms and labs, Internet Explorer 8, and more.

Facilitators: Casey Wagner & Mark Kotcho

2:30 - 3:45***Emergency Planning at St. Cloud State University***
Glacier South

SCSU has been consistently engaged in safety planning by incorporating lessons learned from recent crises elsewhere in our communications, security procedures, programming, services, and planning. This session will be an opportunity to discuss existing and developing procedures ranging from the Star Alert emergency text messaging program, resources for faculty and staff concerns about students in distress, to an update on our planning on the H1N1 flu virus to planning for large-scale emergencies.



Facilitators: Mike Gillilan, Loren Boone, Miles Heckendorn III, Joe Teff, John Eggers & Brent Nielsen

2:30 – 3:45

Foundations of Excellence Phase II: Continued Discussions & Reception

Ballroom

2:30-3:45

The Bush Foundation's Teacher Preparation Initiative

Glacier North

If you could wave your magic wand, what would education look like? This session will provide participants with an overview of the Bush Foundation's Teacher Preparation Initiative (TPI), including partner institutions, guiding principles and targeted elements. An open forum will follow the formal presentation to solicit participant feedback.

Facilitators: Kathleen Ofstedal, Becky Krystyniak, Kyle Ward, Jan Frank, Glen Palm, Kathy Dahlberg & Raymond Phillipot