

# President's Memorandum to Faculty and Staff

Office of the President  
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After the flurry of the last week of classes, holiday concerts and celebrations, we have reached the end of the semester. Thank you for the contributions you make every day to make Ferris a place that truly supports students, providing them the opportunity of success.

## Meeting Reminders

SPARC, the University's Strategic Planning and Resource Council, will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 3-5 p.m., in the West Campus Community Center to continue its discussion of student engagement. As always, the meeting is open to the public.

Also on Tuesday, the Academic Senate will hold a special session to hear from Provost Fritz Erickson on his thoughts regarding a process to review the University's academic organization. This meeting will also take place in the West Campus Community Center at 6 p.m. Information about the academic senate and its activities is available at <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/academicaffairs/vpoffice/senate/>.

## Good News

The most recent edition of Good News items from our faculty, staff, students, alumni and departments is posted online at [www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/president/GoodNews.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/president/GoodNews.htm). The range of achievements makes it clear that the Ferris community is making a difference locally, nationally, and internationally. Some examples of the exceptional accomplishments include:

- The Michigan Film Festival featured *Detroit Civil Rights Trilogy*, a documentary, which Clayton Rye, Professor of Television and Digital Media Production, wrote, produced and directed.
- Ben Upham, Associate Professor of Automotive Service Technology, has been named the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence/ National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation Instructor of the Year.
- Sheila MacEachron, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for Nuclear Medicine Technology, was the recipient of the Lorrie Ryan Memorial Poster Presentation Award at the 10th annual Lilly-Traverse City Conference.
- Troy Tissue, Associate Director of Admissions, was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm, to the P-20 Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council to represent higher education for the State of Michigan.
- Vice President and General Counsel Miles Postema was selected to serve as chair of the Legal Affairs Officers, a committee of President's Council of State Universities of Michigan, a forum for Michigan's 15 public universities.

If you have not seen them, the Academic Affairs newsletter is accessible at <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/academicaffairs/newsletters/nov10.pdf> and the

latest edition of “Expect Diversity” from the Diversity and Inclusion Office is accessible at <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/president/diversityoffice/memos/newsletters/Fall%202010.pdf> .

### **Happy Holidays**

This last full week of the University’s 2010 calendar is taken up with student exams, work to complete this year’s tasks and planning for the start of the spring 2011 semester. Let me encourage you to join us at the fall commencement ceremonies when we celebrate our newest Ferris graduates. Watching our students walk across the stage reminds all of us of the life-changing difference a Ferris State University education can make.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season. I wish you smooth and safe travels if you are going to be visiting family and friends, or just getting away for some much-deserved vacation time.

Thank you for your hard work and efforts this past year. I look forward to working with you as Ferris continues to move forward addressing the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities that will face us in 2011.

The University will close for the holidays at the end of business on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

David L. Eisler, President