AUM students to take classes in Auburn facilities in 2008-09

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pproximately 100 Auburn University Montgomery students will attend late afternoon and early evening classes at Auburn this fall under a pilot program for prospective transfer students. Under an Auburn Montgomery program called Seamless Admission, the AUM freshmen will take up to 30 semester hours of two weeks this fall and in spring 2009 in Auburn classrooms. AUM faculty will teach most or all of the classes, with an assist from graduate instructors in some AUM departments for laboratory sections.

AU Provost John Heilman said the AUM classes would enable Auburn to make more efficient use of facilities that are underutilized in late afternoon and early evening. AUM will reimburse Auburn for costs associated with use of the facilities. In recent remarks to the AU Senate, Auburn Montessori Middle School Principal Walter Venes said the program will provide an option for students with good grades and an ACT average in the 22 to 23 range who did not make the cut-off for admission to AU’s freshman class. Instead of following the common practice of attending a two-year college for a year and transferring into Auburn as sophomores, the select group of AUM students will become acclimated to university-level academic requirements as well as the Auburn campus, he said. Students may transfer to Auburn from another institution after they have completed 30 hours of academic credit and have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Those students replace some of the approximately 300 AU students annually who do not return for their sophomore year. The AUM chancellor said the Montgomery campus facility will benefit financially from the increased enrollment, especially out-of-state students, who pay three times the in-state tuition. The program could also provide a steadier pool of capable transfer students, he said.

Weaver to lead Program for Students with Disabilities

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rovost John Heilman has appointed Sarah Weaver director of AU’s Program for Students with Disabilities. The appointment, effective May 5, followed a search to replace Kelly Haynes who is retiring at the end of May. The appointment, effective May 5, followed a search to replace Kelly Haynes who is retiring at the end of May.

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academic duties for one-quarter-time during the two-year trial period. The search committee will narrow the pool of applicants to a maximum of three persons, who will participate in an open forum, followed by recommendations to the Executive Committee of the University Senate. For details about the position and the application process, see the Web site www.auburn.edu/academic/provost.

Employees of Year

President Jay Gogue joined four AU staff members in displaying $500 checks they received on May 6 as the university’s Employees of the Year for 2008. Shown from left are Walter Gould of Information Technology, Rachel Wierenga of the Office of Development, Gogue, Flora Gibson of Building Services and Sylvia Bishop of the Office of the Registrar.

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 19

First AU Report of summer term; published every two weeks during summer term; published every two weeks during summerterm (full 10-week semester and mini-semester)

Thursday, May 22

First Day of summer term (full 10-week semester and mini-semester)

FARMERS MARKET: The Market at Ag Heritage Park, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., West Samford Avenue across from Athletic Center

Monday, May 26

HOLIDAY Memorial day, offices closed, no classes

Thursday, May 29

FARMERS MARKET: The Market at Ag Heritage Park, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., West Samford Avenue across from Athletic Center

Monday, June 2

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Four AU faculty members enter new leadership training program

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our AU faculty members have been named Academic Leadership Development Program fellows for the coming academic year by the Office of the Provost under a program developed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities. The program is part of an effort by consortium members to recruit and retain faculty who are interested in future administrative positions such as graduate program chair, department head or chair, assistant or associate dean or other administrative positions. The ALDP fellows will attend two workshops during the 2008-09 academic year. The first will be in October at the University of South Carolina, and the second will be in February at Auburn University.

Faculty gain promotion, tenure

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he Office of the Provost has released the names of faculty receiving promotion, tenure or both in 2008. Those faculty members are:

- Tenure

  - William H. Daniels, Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures; Genebola Huluka, Agronomy and Soils; Song-Yul Choe, Mechanical Engineering; Kevin R. Luce, Industrial and Systems Engineering; and Bradley D. Alan Israel, History; Constance K. Smith Hendricks, Nursing; and Margaret K. Keiley, Human Development and Family Studies.

- Associate Professor and Tenure

  - Heather G. Fowler, Horticulture; Omar A. Oyarzabal, Poultry Science; James E. Ray, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Mark J. Bertus, Finance; Sherri J. Brock, Kinesiology; Jada C. Kohlmeyer, Curriculum and Teaching; Mark J. Conner, K. Eden, Chemical Engineering; Dong-Joo Kim, Materials Engineering; Levent Yilmez, Computer Science and Software Engineering; Edward W. Wheeler, Clinical Sciences; and Kaushik B. Singh, Veterinary Medicine and Paula Sullenger of AU Libraries.

  - Juntao Han, Mechanical Engineering; J. Christopher Hom, Animal Science; and Allison M. Chung, and E. Kelly Hester, Pharmacology.

- Assistant Research Professor

  - Gregory J. Hartwell, Physics.

- Professor

  - Carole B. Zugazaga, Sociology, Anthropology and Communication Studies; Gobena Huluka, Agronomy and Soils; and Constance K. Smith Hendricks, Nursing.

- Clinical Professor

  - Robert Buchanan, Library, Reference.

- Clinical Professor

  - Pamela V. Ulrich, Consumer Affairs; John E. Winn, Communication and Journalism; and Robert J. Bier, Clinical Sciences; Kenneth Nasbaum, Bruce F. Smith and Vicky L. van Santen, Pathobiology; and David M. Tolson and James G.W. Wenzel, Clinical Sciences.

- Associate Research Professor

  - Gregory J. Hartwell, Physics.

- Associate Clinical Professor

  - Emery A. Burras, Communication Disorders; and Allison M. Chung, and E. Kelly Hester, Pharmacy Practice.

- Clinical Professor

  - Martha W. Wilson and Elizabeth Zylla-Jones, Communication Disorders.
Auburn launches search for first ombudsperson

The Office of the Provost is accepting applications from tenured professors at Auburn for the new position of university ombudsperson. The three-quarter-time position will be for a trial period of two years, starting fall semester. A search committee will begin reviewing applications on June 2. The position was recommended by the University Senate to provide someone to help faculty and staff with conflict resolution. According to the job description, the ombudsperson’s duties will include “serving as an advocate for fairness and providing impartial and confidential advice, information, intervention, mediation and referrals to ensure that employees receive fair and equitable treatment…” The ombudsperson will report to the Executive Committee of the Senate, including the provost. For consideration, a candidate must be a tenured full professor or retired faculty member. The person selected will continue to perform his or her regular duties.

Trustee nomination goes to last day of session

The Alabama Legislature was heading into the final day of its 2008 session on Monday with the nomination of a new member for the AU Board of Trustees among numerous items awaiting consideration. Raymond J. Harbert from Birmingham was nominated on May 2 by the Auburn University Trustee Selection Committee to fill an at-large position on the AU Board of Trustees. If confirmed by the Alabama Senate on Monday, Harbert will join the board immediately and participate at its next meeting. If not, the appointment will remain on hold until the next legislative session. The committee nominated Harbert to replace Earlon McWhorter from Anniston, a trustee since 2001. McWhorter, a former president pro tempore of the board, completed his term at the end of 2007, but members may serve for up to one year pending Senate confirmation of a successor. Harbert is chairman and chief executive officer of Harbert Management Corp. He graduated from AU in 1982 with a degree in industrial management. In addition to his business interests, Harbert serves on the board of directors of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the Children’s Hospital of Alabama. The Birmingham-based international business leader has long family ties to Auburn, and Engineering’s Harbert Center is named for his father, John M. Harbert III.