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Faculty Focus

Dear MCAD Faculty,

A reminder: Following our conversation during the All Faculty Meeting held on October 19, we will convene a **Faculty Discussion on Tuesday, November 16 at 12:10-1:00 p.m.** in Aud 150 and via [Zoom](#). The discussion will focus on student mental health, accommodations, and formulating strategies to better support faculty. Adjunct faculty members who attend will be compensated at the meeting rate. Please see the related resources [below](#) shared by Beth Stockinger, Director of Student Counseling and Wellness.

The searches are underway for the positions of [Assistant/Associate Professor-Creative Writing, Liberal Arts](#) and [Visiting Faculty-Master of Fine Arts](#). Please share these opportunities with your networks!

In case you missed this year's Race and Design: Presidential Lecture Series, the recordings are available: [Community Conversation](#) and [Student Conversation](#).

Warmly,
Robert
Vice President of Academic Affairs

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All times listed in Central Time

PRIORITY DEADLINES

Fall 2021 Course Withdrawals Due Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m.

This is a final reminder that the deadline to withdraw from Fall Semester 2021 courses is **Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m.** If you know of any students who still need to withdraw from your course(s), please reach out to them and remind them to do so before the deadline. Student Alerts are also an acceptable way to notify them regarding withdrawal recommendations. Students will submit course withdrawal forms through [myMCAD](#). The course withdrawal form will not be available on myMCAD when the deadline passes. Please contact [Records](#) with questions or issues.

Please review the current draft of the Institutional Learning Outcomes by Tuesday, November 30

We're inviting faculty to review the current draft institutional learning outcomes. Each outcome includes a definition, list of MCAD Capacities, possible evidence that would reveal the learning, and questions.

The linked [document](#) is in comment mode for faculty to add suggested changes by November 30.

Your feedback will be integrated into a final draft that will then be reviewed by Curriculum Committee, VPAA, ELC and finally Sanjit. Once approved, these will be integrated into the curriculum maps you worked on last spring and added to the assessment page on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

GTA Requests for Spring

To request a student from the MFA program as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA) work-study for your class, submit this [form](#). All MCAD full-time and adjunct faculty are welcomed to fill out this request form. This form must be filled out every semester in order to be considered to have a GTA for your course. GTAs are not guaranteed to all who request one (if there is a high-volume of requests).

All requests are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on Monday, November 15, 2021. Faculty who have submitted a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Request will hear back from Ellen Mueller, MFA Director, before Winter Break begins. In collaboration with Financial Aid, we will work to assign teaching assistantships with faculty that are within their discipline, and within the student's education/career goals.

GTA work can begin work as early as 2 weeks before the start of classes, and must end by the last day of classes for the semester (May 10, 2022). GTAs can work 10-12 hours per week depending on when they start working for you.

View GTA Guidelines [here](#).

Sign up for MCAD Emergency Text Message Service

MCAD Campus Safety would like to encourage all MCAD students, staff and faculty, to sign up for our emergency text message service. Learn more [here](#)

Covid Rapid Testing Option Now Available At MCAD

Learn more [here](#)

New Merchandise in the Art Cellar

New merch with the new MCAD logo has finally arrived at the [Art Cellar](#) and is available to purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- [MFA Fall 2021 Professional Practices Series](#): Tattoo Artist Panel
 - Wednesday, November 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Register [here](#)
- Faculty Senate Teach & Teaching, [Google Meet](#)
 - Friday, November 12, noon-1:00 p.m.
 - If you plan to attend, email [Natasha Pestich](#), Faculty Senate President
- [MCAD Art Sale](#)
 - Thursday, November 18-Saturday, November 20
- [MFA Fall 2021 Professional Practices Series](#): Roadmap to Success
 - Wednesday, December 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Register [here](#)
- Faculty and Staff Holiday Potluck Lunch, College Center
 - Tuesday, December 14, 11:45 am - 1:15 p.m. - details forthcoming!
- Conversations with the VPAA, faculty and staff during the semester
 - For faculty: Noon-1:00 p.m. November 17, December 8 (*Please note the December date is in place of the previously scheduled October 27 date*)
 - For staff: Noon-1:00 p.m. November 10
 - Please email [Naomi Sack](#) to confirm your attendance.

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Disability Design: Summary Report from a Field Scan

To better understand current trends in the disability design field, the NEA commissioned a field scan, which included a review of recent research and news articles as well as interviews with key subject matter experts. This report provides a summary of the field scan, sharing current trends and making recommendations for disability design in public spaces and for the human body and mind.

Learn more and download the report [here](#)

Training Video for Evaluation Kit

The college has implemented a new course evaluation software called EvaluationKit (EvalKit). This new system integrates with Canvas, providing notifications directly in the College's learning management system (LMS), streamlining the course eval development process, and opening opportunities for more flexible evaluations in the future.

One key change is that faculty and chairs/directors will have direct access to reports that they can customize based on the information they want. Here's a [video](#) of how to access your course evaluation reports in the new system. Any hiccups or questions should be directed to [Eleanor Fuchs](#), Director of Accreditation & Assessment.

Assessment Office Hours

Have questions about assessment at MCAD? Wondering how to make it work for you? Take advantage of Eleanor's office hours every Friday at 11! She's here to answer your questions, brainstorm ideas, or even just share musings. Schedule time with her via [Calendly](#).

RESOURCES FROM STUDENT COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

[Faculty Resource: Creating a Culture of Caring](#) from [Active Minds](#)

[Calming and De-escalation Strategies](#) from [Dartmouth Trauma Interventions Research Center](#)

FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Alumni Relations Virtual Drop-In Office Hour

Thursday, November 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

For future and current alumni

More details [here](#)

Call for Submissions: Presidential Correspondence Award

This competition is a chance for student work featured on MCAD's annual holiday card and notecards, which President Sethi uses throughout the year to stay in touch with colleagues, supporters, and partners. It is a great opportunity to have student work shared with a wide audience.

Three pieces will be selected to be featured. One winner will receive a \$500 prize and their piece featured on the annual holiday card. Two more winners will each receive \$300, and their work featured on official MCAD notecards. The work can be any medium, but it must be documented to fit on a 5 x 7 inch card. The cards will feature the artists' statements and links to their portfolios.

Encourage students to [submit](#) by the deadline, November 16

The Library Gallery is accepting applications for the Spring 2022 Semester

The deadline is Monday, November 29. Students can learn more [here](#).

Students intending to graduate in May 2022?

Intent to graduate forms are [available](#)

In-person and virtual workshops for returning students

Various academic support areas (3D Shop, Printshop, Library, Media Center, Service Bureau) will be offering in-person and virtual workshops and demonstrations for students that missed instructions on various tools, processes, and techniques during remote learning. Class demos and presentations are available upon request. Please see the listings [here](#) or reach out to the academic support areas directly for more information.

Have something to contribute? [Submit content for Faculty Focus](#)

Looking to stay up-to-date on all events?

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