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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

November Greetings --

As the month of November gets underway, it seems so odd that October has come and gone and we have not been together at SUNYRA ! Time has flown by since our last gathering in June . . . and November just seems somewhat out of whack - almost like not having that first cup of coffee or tea in the morning !

Hold on one minute, SUNYCAC, is just around the corner ! SUNYCAC hmmm, an interesting sounding acronym for the SUNY College Administrators Conference. I hope you have had the opportunity to visit the SUNYCAC WEB-site (www.SUNYCAC.ORG) to review the conference agenda that the planning committee has been hard at work to develop. I think you will find the conference sessions are full of offerings that cover an array of topics that all attendees can take part in regardless of whether one is from SUNYFAP, SUNYCAP, SUNY-AIRPO, or SUNYRA . . . there are sessions of interest available to everyone. And let us not forget the best treasure of all, the rich opportunity to network with colleagues across many key functional areas.

If you recall when we spoke about participating in this endeavor last fall, I was quite worried that the joint conference being held in November would pose key conflicts for our membership. Heck, we all know that the "activity of the month" for SUNYRA folks is registration. That, and other concerns like "Banner implementations" for example, would hamper the ability to attend for many of our members. A joint conference in November would certainly be a departure from our own conference, especially in focusing on vital Registrar-type business.

However, I am so thrilled to report that our SUNYRA contingent has stepped up, and surpassed all other "SUNY-somethings" in the overall attendee count, and we are far ahead of the other "SUNY-somethings" participating in this conference . . . remember, **"we're SUNY Registrar's, we're campus superstars" !!**

I hope everyone that has the opportunity to attend SUNYCAC will come away with satisfaction that the joint conference model has merit, and that every "x-number of years" this may be a worthwhile conference alternative. I also hope that providing the opportunity to package our important SUNYRA activities - the Registrar Banner FAUG meeting in a pre-conference setting, the general business meeting and cracker-barrel at closure, met with everyone's satisfaction to maximize our organizational needs, and travel arrangements. We certainly will miss those that are unable to join us at SUNYCAC -- and we will look forward to meeting again at the spring conference in June. I look forward to seeing those of you attending SUNYCAC next week . . . **Warmest regards, Donna.**

A LOOK BACK IN TIME . . . to 1974, when SUNYRA was formed, and when, dare I say, gas was only 40 cents a gallon! The average cost of a new house was \$32,500 and the average salary was \$12,900. We were watching Bob Barker on "The Price is Right" along with saying "Good Night" to Johnboy on "The Waltons". The World Trade Center in New York City became the tallest building in the world and the Sears Tower opened in Chicago.

As the saying goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Sky Lab, the first space station of the U.S., was launched and the price of oil increased 200 percent—yikes! Times have certainly changed, but the camaraderie and support we offer each other within SUNYRA is stronger than ever! How many of us have put a question out on the listserv or picked up the phone and called one another with that all important question?

The leaves have changed color and many have fallen. The clocks have been turned back (although I never seem to gain that promised hour of sleep!). The smell of turkey will soon be filling our homes and the hustle and bustle of the holidays will soon follow. Before then though, many of us will gather and have the opportunity to network with our campus-wide SUNY colleagues in what promises to be a very informative conference.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

WHO: SUNYRA – that means YOU !!

WHAT: Spring 2008 Conference

WHEN: June 11-13

WHERE: Radisson Hotel Corning
Corning, New York

WHY: Reconnect, rejuvenate, have fun
and spend time with great
colleagues.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE FEATURES

Now friends . . . you don't want to miss this one !
Ginger is already hard at work planning many
surprises and special activities for the spring
conference.

The Corning Glass Museum Tour

Thursday afternoon, June 12

Trendy Historic Market Street

Market Street is at the center of Corning's
downtown Gaffer District. It flourishes with glass
making studios, antiques, restaurants, and
specialty shops

**Looking to plan ahead . . . here are a few
key time periods to place on your calendars:**

Early March . . . conference registration
materials and hotel reservation information will be
circulated via the SUNYRA Listserv.

Late April . . . conference registration deadline

Mid-May . . . hotel reservation deadline

From the . . . ED REVIEW

November 9, 2007

...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of
Education activities relevant to the
Intergovernmental and Corporate community and
other stakeholders

PRIVACY GUIDANCE

On October 30, Secretary Spellings joined
Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez and
Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff
at a high school in suburban Virginia to announce
the availability of three new brochures that
present guidance on the Family Educational Rights
and Privacy Act (FERPA). In the wake of the
Virginia Tech University shootings, these
brochures -- one for K-12 officials, one for higher
education officials, and one for parents -- seek to
empower schools to better balance students'
privacy rights with school safety concerns by
explaining the agency's interpretations in plain
language. "I think it is important for people to
understand what the current law allows,"
Secretary Spellings said. "It does allow [student
records] to be shared, particularly when the
student is a dependent (a child -- not an
emancipated adult). So, before we leap into
legislative changes, let's make sure that we're
maximizing all of the flexibilities and information
and latitudes that the law does provide within the
context of privacy." The brochures also include
contact information for obtaining additional
assistance and guidance. FOR MORE
INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/safeschools/>.

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IN MEMORY . . .

We lost a dear friend in our SUNYRA family with the recent death of **Dick Nabinger** from SUNY Delhi. A recipient of the 2005 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Dick was always in the thick of the discussions that were going on at SUNYRA. A loyal and dedicated colleague, he could always be counted on to participate in the zaniest of things we would do at SUNYRA. Let us pause to fondly remember our friend **Dick Nabinger**, and let us never forget his uncanny ability to bring a smile to your face. He will be missed!

GOOD LUCK !

...to **Maureen Artale**, who has accepted a new position at SUNY Oneonta in the Office of Continuing Education.

...to **Linda Gramm**, who has accepted a new position at Orange County Community College, also in the Office of Continuing Education.

SUNYRA Listserv

SUNYRA has a listserv (e-mail list) for communication within our membership. All members of SUNYRA are invited to participate. Our list is called SUNYRA-L. To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail to:

LISTSERV@listserv.albany.edu

In the body of the e-mail type

SUBSCRIBE SUNYRA-L followed by a space followed by your name. For example, I would send the following:

SUBSCRIBE SUNYRA-L Robert Gibson

NOTHING ELSE can be in your message. If you have an automatic "signature" added to your e-mails, REMOVE IT. This e-mail is going to a machine that only understands commands.

When you have sent your e-mail, you will receive an automated "Confirmation Request" from the LISTSERV. You simply REPLY to the message, by entering

OK

as your reply message. You are now part of the list. To send a message to the list, address your e-mail to NOTE THIS ADDRESS:

SUNYRA-L@listserv.albany.edu

and your message will go to all members of the list.

Keep in mind that a listserv recognizes you as a subscriber by checking the FULL return e-mail address. That means if there is ANY change to your e-mail address, you won't be recognized. So if your campus changes any part of your e-mail server address, you won't be recognized. I've noticed several campuses have made such changes recently. If that happens, simply subscribe to the listserv again (following the steps above) and all will be fixed.

If you have any problems or questions about the SUNYRA listserv, contact the listserv manager, Robert Gibson by e-mail to

Rgibson@uamail.albany.edu

The volume of messages is relatively low and will not clutter your mailbox, so take advantage of this communication tool with your SUNY colleagues and sign up today.

SUNYRA Membership Dues 2007 - 2008

INVOICE

Tax ID Number 16-1271086

Membership Dues 2007 - 2008 \$50.00

TOTAL DUE \$50.00

PLEASE NOTE:

This invoice can be submitted for payment of the 2007 – 2008 academic year dues for SUNYRA. Please contact me if you are in need of a separately mailed copy. Please make checks payable to SUNYRA and send to the address below.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Debra Miller, SUNYRA Treasurer

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**We're SUNY Registrars,
We're campus Superstars,
We hate bureaucracy,
We stroke the faculty!**

**Although they drive us nuts,
We save our bosses' butts!
When students throw a fit,
We smile and take their _____!**

**We never say, "drop dead,"
To SUNY or State Ed,
When pushed politically,
We swear with dignity!**

**Back when the cards were punched,
We could go out to lunch,
Now with computer ease,
We can't take time to sneeze!**

**Why do we stand for this?
We're flaming masochists!
We're SUNY Registrars,
We're campus SUPERSTARS!!**