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College of Management dean appointed

Y. Paul Huo, Arkadelphia, Ark., has been appointed dean of Metropolitan State University's College of Management by President Sue K. Hammersmith. The appointment is effective July 1.

Huo will provide leadership through continuing to strengthen and develop the undergraduate and graduate programs of the college and promoting its programs in the community. The College of Management is a leader in online learning and offers nine bachelor of science degrees, seven bachelor of applied science degrees, three master's degree programs, two master's certificates and the applied doctor of business administration.

Undergraduate programs include accounting, business administration, economics, finance, human resource management, international business, management, management information systems and marketing. Graduate programs include master of business administration; master of management information systems; master of public and nonprofit administration; and doctor of business administration.

Huo is currently professor of management at Henderson State University, School of Business, in Arkadelphia, Ark., where he is faculty director of the Business Mentorship Program, holds the Cecil W. Cupp Chair of Business and is former dean of the School of Business. Huo has also been dean and professor at both the University of Bridgeport, School of Business, Conn., and the University of Puget Sound, School of Business and Leadership, Tacoma, Wash. Earlier he served as associate professor of management at Washington State University, assistant professor of management at California State University at Chico and instructor of management at San Jose State University.

Huo holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from National Taiwan University, an M.B.A. in general management from National Chengchi University and a Ph.D. in organizational behavior and industrial relations from the University of California at Berkeley, Haas School of Business.

His predecessor, Gary Seiler, will take leave from the college's dean position July 1 to serve as Metropolitan State's interim provost and vice president of academic affairs.



Criminal Justice M.S. receives approval

In a June 10 message from Manuel M. López, associate vice chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, Metropolitan State University received notification that their program application for a M.S. in Criminal Justice at Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park Campus, has been approved. This 32-credit program is effective Aug. 1, 2011.

Gov. Pawlenty appoints six to MnSCU Board of Trustees

Be a part of UAB

University Activities Board (UAB) is a student professional and staff-run organization. Volunteer for the UAB and gain skills in leadership, cooperation, communication, decision making, committee structures/workgroups; network with university student leaders, faculty, staff, employers and other MnSCU students; and meet new friends. For information on how to join, contact Lori Yang at student.activities@metrostate.edu or call 651.793.1556.

Governor Tim Pawlenty announced on June 15 the appointment of Philip B. Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, and Michael M. Vekich; and the reappointment of Duane Benson, Jacob Englund, and Thomas S. Renier to the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees.

“The MnSCU Board of Trustees have some sizeable issues before them, which include hiring a new chancellor, managing a budget with shrinking resources, and moving the higher education system to reflect a rapidly-changing workforce,” Pawlenty said. “These individuals have the business background, public policy experience, and leadership skills to lead our state’s largest higher education system into the future.”

Benson, Lanesboro, is the CEO and executive director of the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation, a position he has held since 2005. Previously, he was the executive director of the Minnesota Business Partnership from 1994 to 2003. He served in the Minnesota Senate from 1981 to 1994, and was the Senate Minority Leader for six years.

Englund, Edina, is a student at the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management. He is a financial management accounting intern with Cargill, Inc. in Wayzata and has been a member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees since 2008.

Krinkie, Shoreview, owns the Snelling Company, a heating, cooling and electrical business in Saint Paul. He served eight terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1991–2006, and chaired the House Taxes Committee, the House Capital Investment

Committee and the House State Government Finance Committee. He is currently president of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota. Krinkie replaces Ruth Grendahl on the MnSCU Board of Trustees as an at-large member.

Oliveira, Clearwater, is a student at St. Cloud Technical and Community College, where he is pursuing his associate in applied science degree in business management. He replaces Terri Thomas on the MnSCU Board of Trustees as a technical college student member, and is appointed to a two-year term.

Renier, Duluth, is the president of the Northland Foundation in Duluth, a position he has held since 1986. From 1974–1986, he held a variety of positions with ARDC/Northspan Group, eventually becoming executive director. He has been a member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees since 2004 and is reappointed to a position for a resident of the Eighth Congressional District.

Vekich, St. Louis Park, is CEO of Vekich Associates in Minneapolis as well as chairman, president, and chief operating officer of Skyline Exhibits in Eagan. Previously, he was the CEO of Vekich Arkema and Company, managing partner of Grazzini Paquay and Company, and a consultant with Haskins and Sells. He was a member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees from 1996–2002 and served as chair during that time; was a member of the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee and a founding board member and vice chair of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Council. Vekich replaces David Olson on the MnSCU Board of Trustees as an at-large member.

Want to row a dragon boat?



The Third Annual Dragon Festival takes place July 10–11 at Saint Paul’s Lake Phalen Park from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. each day. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Part of the Dragon Festival is the Dragon Boat Race. Metropolitan State’s rowing team is aptly named the Blazing Scholars. The 2009 team came in eighth place out of 26 teams racing. They missed third place by .5 second!

Participants are needed to complete the team and to row. No experience needed.

Bring your family and friends to cheer on the team, and enjoy the food, entertainment, customs and vendors.

While dragon boat racing originated in

China, it is now a cross-cultural sport with events throughout the world, both at the local and international levels. Its popularity has made it the fastest growing team water sport, with clubs and races in more than 60 countries. The biggest event outside of Asia is in Sweden followed by the U.S. and Canada. Recognized for promoting camaraderie, strength and endurance in its participants, the sport is also gaining grounds in corporate and charitable circles.

For more information, visit the Dragon Festival Web site at www.dragonfestival.org; call 651.793.1151 and ask for Lisa Xiong if you would like to join Metropolitan State’s team.

Planning to earn an individualized degree?

If you are planning to earn an individualized bachelor's degree through First College, remember that you must complete the four-credit semester course, Perspectives: Educational Philosophy and Planning (PRSP 301). To become a First College degree candidate, you should enroll in this course by your second semester.

Several sections of this course, as well as an Internet study are typically offered each semester.

For more information, see the Individualized, Interdisciplinary and Lifelong Learning department offerings in the *Class Schedule*.

If you have questions about the opportunities to design an innovative degree program which meets your personal learning goals, call the First College Advising Center at 651.793.1783 or visit the Web site at www.metrostate.edu/fc. Register online at www.metrostate.edu/registration.

First College offers interdisciplinary courses for fall 2010

IDST 330: Women in Math, Science and Technology allows students to explore the theory, history and methods of analysis for understanding women's participation in the sciences. The course examines the history of women's participation, including the historical legacies of the philosophy of science; data that describes the current educational and professional climate for women; and the ways in which popular culture images of women in math, science and technology influence women's participation in these fields.

To register online for this course 1) log in to www.metrostate.edu/schedule; 2) select *Fall 2010 Class Schedule*; 3) choose IDST: Interdisciplinary Studies; 4) register for IDST 330.

IDST 385: Turning Points: Self-transformation. Researchers define turning points as a "major transformation in views about the self, identity or the meaning of life." They occur as new things are learned, rendering us amenable to change, and produce perceived, long-lasting redirection in the path of a one's life. Psychologists associate turning points with transitions and stages of human development defined and explored by Erik Erikson.

Ignoring uplifting turning points and with distressing turning points in mind, the philosopher Frederick Nietzsche wrote "that which does not kill us makes us stronger." Retirement or loss of retirement income, end of a love affair, reaching the "golden years" (maturity) or learning that one (or a family member) has a fatal disease are examples of turning points. Portrayals, in film and literature, of individuals coping with obstacles to

happiness or overcoming adversity dramatize turning points. Rhetorical films and literature are cultural artifacts that comfort, guide generations and teach us how to live! Lessons learned from contemporary films and classical literature are a primary focus of this course.

To register online for this course 1) log in to www.metrostate.edu/schedule; 2) select *Fall 2010 Class Schedule*; 3) choose IDST: Interdisciplinary Studies; 4) register for IDSt 385-50.

IDSt 401: Food: from Family Cookbooks to Global and Multicultural Issues. This interdisciplinary course begins with an exploration into regional, ethnic and family food and cooking history in Minnesota. Students explore their own ethnic culture, traditions, memories and values regarding food and produce a brief family history and cookbook reflecting these experiences.

In the second half of the course students read texts and view films on food history, ethics and politics and research interdisciplinary topics of their choice on contemporary food production and consumption.

Topics might reflect a particular interest in food and the environment, water, land and food sustainability, global labor concerns or psychology and food issues. Students discuss the intersectionality between gender, race, class and sexual orientation as it pertains to food and social action and cultural change.

To register online for this course 1) log in to www.metrostate.edu/schedule; 2) select *Fall 2010 Class Schedule*; 3) choose IDST: Interdisciplinary Studies; 4) register for IDSt 401.

Nursing scholarship awarded

Cynthia Garley, Brooklyn Park, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Oehlke Family Scholarship for 2011.

This renewable scholarship is available

annually to nursing students who are juniors or seniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Announce your events in the *Catalyst*

Catalyst Schedule for FY2011 and beginning FY2012

No.	Copy Deadline by 5 p.m.	Issue Date/ Copy Online
1**	Jul 2	Jul 12
2	Jul 19	Jul 26
3	Aug 2	Aug 9
4	Aug 16	Aug 23
5	Aug 30	Sep 7
6	Sep 13	Sep 20
7	Sep 27	Oct 4
8	Oct 11	Oct 18
9	Oct 25	Nov 1
10	Nov 8	Nov 15
11	Nov 22	Nov 29
12	Dec 6	Dec 13
13	Jan 3	Jan 10
14	Jan 17	Jan 24
15	Jan 31	Feb 7
16	Feb 14	Feb 21
17	Feb 28	Mar 7
18	Mar 14	Mar 21
19	Mar 28	Apr 4
20	Apr 11	Apr 18
21	Apr 25	May 2
22	May 9	May 16
23	May 23	May 30
24	Jun 6	Jun 13
25	Jun 20	Jun 27
**1	Jul 1	Jul 11
2	Jul 18	Jul 25
3	Aug 1	Aug 8
4	Aug 15	Aug 22
5	Aug 29	Sep 6

** denotes earlier than usual

The *Catalyst* is Metropolitan State's newsletter for students. Announce your upcoming meetings, dinners or other events.

The *Catalyst* copy deadlines and issue dates for FY2011 and beginning of FY2012 are in this table. Copy deadlines are alternate Mondays. Continue to submit articles via e-mail to Darlene Esko, editor, at darlene.esko@metrostate.edu.

Please print, clip and save this schedule.

Know the severe weather warnings

Know your severe weather warnings: The National Weather service considers a thunderstorm to be severe if it produces hail 3/4 inch or larger, wind 58 mph or stronger, or tornadoes.

- **Watches** are issued when conditions are favorable for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms or flash floods. If you are in a watch area, make plans to seek shelter if necessary.
- **Warnings** are issued when severe weather has been reported or is imminent. Seek shelter immediately if you are in or near the path of the storm.

- **Warnings are issued by county names.** Know the name of the county you live in and the counties that surround you.
- **Sirens** are intended to warn those who are outdoors and not to warn those inside of buildings to evacuate. If you hear a siren, turn on a radio or TV to listen to safety information and seek shelter if advised.

Remember to check RU Ready on the home page to determine if any warnings are in effect.

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