Associate Provost’s News

As physical holdings of campus libraries have decreased, numerous campuses have undertaken initiatives to repurpose, renovate and revitalize library infrastructure. Over the course of the past year, we have met with various stakeholders to work toward re-imagining the library as a campus hub dedicated to fostering and supporting student and faculty success that includes:

- support in creating, discovering and accessing intellectual references and data sets,
- guidance and support for faculty in the advancement of teaching and development of instructional resources at Mines,
- out-of-class instructional support for students such as tutoring, workshops, and guided technical assistance, and
- open spaces for students to learn, study, research and create.

A preliminary architectural design and the assumptions underlying this design are currently being reviewed by an ad hoc Library Renovation Review Committee. This committee includes:

- **Tom Boyd** (Chair)
- **Tina Gianquitto** (Academic Faculty)
- **Peter Han** (President’s Office)
- **Sarah King** (GSG)
- **Colin Marshall** (USG)
- **Derek Morgan** (Student Life)
- **Kay Schneider** (Academic Affairs)
- **Chuck Stone** (Academic Faculty)

If you would like to provide input, please feel free to contact any of the members of this committee.
Faculty Achievements

Associate Professor Jon Leydens (LAIS) received IEEE’s Ronald S. Blicq award for Distinction in Technical Communication Education award. Dr. Leydens is pictured here with Ron Blicq. The Blicq Award recognizes innovative educators who have influenced the ways that technical communication is taught.

Associate Professor Linda Figueroa (CEE) and Associate Professor Junko Munakata Marr (CEE) received an NSF grant of $382,695 for their project, entitled "UNS: Coupled Hybrid Anaerobic Reactors to Generate Energy (CHARGE)."

The Office of Naval Research is awarding $542,149 over three years to a Mines effort to produce graduates with both technical knowledge and the ability to work well with others as leaders and followers. Teaching Professor Pat Kohl (PH) spearheaded the proposal, titled "Horizontal and vertical integration of 21st century skill-sets: Leadership, computation, and open-ended problem solving at an engineering university." Joining Kohl on the team are fellow Physics faculty Vince Kuo, Tim Ohno, and Mark Lusk; Applied Mathematics and Statistics faculty Gus Greivel and Scott Strong; and Leslie Light of EPICS.

What’s Happening

Conflict of Interest Policy Input Reminder

Faculty input on the proposed out-of-cycle change to our conflict of interest policy and disclosure requirements is requested by close-of-business Thursday, October 15. Details of the revisions and need for out-of-cycle consideration were provided to faculty via email on October 6. The redlined Handbook sections, a new standalone conflict of interest policy, and sample annual disclosure form may be found here.

Mines' Vision

Mines will be the premier institution, based on the impact of its graduates and research programs, in science and engineering relating to the Earth, Energy and Environment.