Academic Services Reminds You

As we quickly approach the end of the spring semester, the office of Academic Services would like to pass along the following reminders:

**Registration** – All students have had the chance to register for courses. If you notice that any of your advisees have not yet registered—or been advised—please send them a reminder to do so. If you have heard from any of your advisees who have told you they are not returning, please send a message to acadservices@calvin.edu.

**Closed course petitions** – Students may be pleading with some of you to get them into your closed course. Please direct them to our office or to the closed course petition screen. This process has proven to help our office and departments make sure that students get into the classes they need in order to progress through their program efficiently.

**Summer Courses** – If you hear from students wanting to take summer courses, don’t forget that Calvin is offering a variety of on-campus and on-line courses again this summer.

**Final Exams** – Students who have accommodations for extended or distraction-free test taking should sign up for their final exams one week before their scheduled exam. Questions about this process may be directed to Amy VanderSlik in Academic Services.

**Final Grades** – Grades for the spring semester are due on Thursday, May 26, by 4:30 p.m. Many important college reporting and end of term processes depend on grades being submitted on time.

**Summer Passport advisors needed** – As we look forward to enrolling a new class for the fall semester, we still need many more passport advisors. Please consider advising for one or more of the three summer orientation sessions. Contact Dana Hebreard or your department chair if you can help out.

Finally, please try to enjoy the last few days of another academic year even though this time of year can be stressful. Many of our students and some of our colleagues are in the final days of their time at Calvin. There are retirement celebrations to attend and many end of the semester concerts and activities to enjoy. And remember the blessings that our Lord has given us here at Calvin College.

*Tom Steenwyk, registrar, director of Academic Services*

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Rhetoric across the Curriculum (RAC) Faculty Workshop, May 20

All faculty are invited to attend a workshop titled “Thinking with Sources in the Disciplines” on Friday, May 20, in the Meeter Center lecture hall.

- 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon: Sara Miller (Michigan State U Libraries), “Information Literacy in the Disciplines”
- 12:00 noon–12:30 p.m.: lunch break (free of charge for the first 5 preregistered participants)
- 12:30–2:00 p.m.: Kate van Liere (History; RAC cochair), “Too Much Information? Writing with Integrity in an Age of Unlimited Sources”

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Update from the Physical Plant

The Physical Plant has had a busy winter and spring repairing, maintaining, and planning. You may have noticed that the second floor of the Commons Annex is undergoing a facelift, as are the restrooms
in the library lobby and near Johnny’s Café. A major dining hall remodeling project will begin May 23
to install new skylights, ceiling treatments, carpet, and more. Please see the website for more details
on many more renovations happening throughout the campus.

From the Faculty Activity Reports

  (lecture, The Loser in French and Francophone Literature and Film, Lubbock, TX, March 4, 2016).

Be sure to fill out your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the FAQ page.

Note: FEN activities are now called Intercultural Competency Professional Development Activities and are entered in a new system—not as FARs. You can report these types of activities via this new link. Contact diversity@calvin.edu if you have questions.

Coming Up on Campus

Monday, May 9
- Speech pathology conference. “Sound Management: It’s about Time.” 8:30 a.m., Prince Conference Center
- Chapel. Laura Smit. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Diversity and inclusion update. 12:30 p.m., Commons Annex Alumni Association Board Room (previous RSVP required)

Tuesday, May 10
- Chapel. “It’s All Good.” 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Clean Water Institute presentations. Frank Speyers (Art), David Wunder (Engineering), and senior students. 10:00 a.m., Meeter Center lecture hall
- Lynda.com Overview. 1:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall
- Lecture. Klaas Van Der Tempel (Consul General of the Netherlands), “The Netherlands, the European Union, and the United States: A Dynamic Relationship.” 3:30 p.m., Chapel Undercroft

Wednesday, May 11
- Chapel. Senior songfest with the senior student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Thursday, May 12
- President’s coffee. 8:00 a.m., Chapel.
- Chapel. Prayers for exams and grading. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Friday, May 13
- Reading recess
- Exams begin at 6:30 p.m.