Humanities Department reported:

- A record attendance of over 1,600 seated for the “Hairspray” production in Williams Auditorium.
- Art Gallery has had seven exhibits with over 3,200 visitors.
- Carrie Weis, Director of the Ranking Art Gallery is collaborating on an Annual Excellence in Art Award (up to $1,000) for graduate students at Kendall.
- The Rankin Art Gallery frame shop has framed over 100 jobs and are currently completing a large project for the Mecosta County Medical Center’s Donor Wall.
- Historians, Tracy Busch and Gary Huey took three history majors to Oakland University for a regional Phi Alpha Theta conference. Adam Quigley, Tyler Price, and Richard Byington all did a good job of presenting their papers. Jeff Pollock won one of the paper prizes for his submission “Disaster in the Making: The Causes of American Failure on Lake Huron in 1814” . According to Gary, this is the first time in history that Ferris students have presented at a Phi Alpha Theta conference.
- The Debate Team recently went to competition at the national finals with faculty member TJ Lakin in Portland where Josh Croton placed 11th of 100 individuals competing in the Internal Parliamentary Debate Association.
- Communication faculty members, Neil Patten and Stephanie Thomson travelled with three communication students to Milwaukee for the Central States Communication Association meeting where three presented papers.
- The Williams Auditorium has received a well needed facelift for their lobby. New carpeting, paint and seating upholstering is nearly complete. New hearing assistance devices, choir risers, curtains, wireless microphones, woofers, projectors, and screens are also being installed.
- The Creative Arts Center is collaborating with the welding and CAD programs to design a lab for aesthetic engineering courses.
- Repurposed furniture from the Pennock building are being utilized in Johnson Hall classrooms.
- New Art Historian, Rachel Foulk, has been hired for Fall 2011 from Emory University.
- Matt Moresi arranged the Bjork song "Hyperballad" for the Willamette University Jazz Collective (performed in December 2010) and wrote a yet to be titled song for the University of Northern Colorado Trumpet ensemble (will be performed in May at the International Trumpet Guild (ITG) conference in Minneapolis.)
- Robert Quist and Randy Groves have a textbook in production entitled, Introduction to Popular Culture with Kendall Hunt Publishing.
- The communication faculty have been busy with the submission of a new minor in Sports Communication with 12 students waiting to declare this as a minor, and a Philosophy of Sports minor and are also collaborating with Dan Burcham in Student Services on a certificate in Leadership.
- Brooke Moore, has been selected as the Faculty in Residence through FCTL and was asked to be a facilitator for the Great Teachers Seminar at Grand Rapids Community College.
• Gary Huey and Barry Mehler are collaborating with Alpena School District to aid teachers in innovative methods of teaching history to students. The district received an ASPIRE Grant and approached our faculty.

• The humanities faculty are submitting a new curriculum proposal for a BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies that was encouraged through the Academic Program Review process.

• Stephanie Thomson has for the second semester in her courses utilized a Pay It Forward Philanthropic Grant to perform needs assessments for private non-profits in the community and assisted in awarding funds of up to $4,500 to each organization.

• Scott Cohen, Music professor reported:
  o A successful 125th Anniversary Concert utilizing music selections from Harry Dempsey’s recent sabbatical. Emeritus, Richard Santer, came back to assist with the project.
  o He attended the College Band Directors National Association meeting in Seattle, Washington with student nominee and concertmaster, Megan Womersley, who was the only student musician from Michigan to participate in this year’s national honor band. Megan was supported with funding from the Student Research Grant in the College of Arts and Sciences.
  o Conf College Band Direc Conference can CAS DIG support our student was the only on from MI to attend the conference.
  o For the first time, the annual award for Dascho Dachof will be awarded.
  o There have been many donations for music programming this year with $15,000 in cash and equipment.
  o The Festival of Arts has been collaborating with the local MOISD to sponsor an artist who makes his own drums and reaches out to special needs students.
  o Music programming has sponsored fundraising opportunities with local organizations such as the Red Cross, and is now reviewing outreach support to Japan who has the second largest music program in the world after the U.S.
  o He is the new chair of the Faculty Support and Development Committee and the committee is planning to expand their scope to assume responsibilities for the Dean’s Initiative Grant and Student Research Grant funded by the Dean.

• Trinidy Williams reported:
  o The Ferris theatre production will be presenting the Laramie Project Ten Years Later this weekend. This documentary performance is the Mathew Shepard story ten years later with transcripts of the actual interviews. This performance was a collaboration with DESAGA and PEP who will be working on the talkback session.
  o The Ebony Embers performance was a collaboration with the Diversity Office for African American Month.
  o She is currently working on collaborations for Hispanic Heritage Month and Big Brothers/Big Sisters Month for programs and student involvement.

Physical Sciences Department reported:
• The Math, Biology and Physical Sciences Departments have continued to collaborate in offering education to local high school students in the Math, Science and Technology Center (MSTC). Faculty have taught college courses and workshops for students in the program, have served as "guest lecturers" to students in the freshman and sophomore years of the program, have mentored many student research projects, and have served as judges for the annual science fair.
Two faculty members who have recently been on sabbatical leave, Dan Adsmond (two years ago) and Kim Colvert (last year), have had the opportunity to conduct research in their areas of interest (co-crystals and biochemistry, respectively). Both of them have written papers and/or made professional presentations about their work. In addition, both of them have brought aspects of their work back to Ferris to implement in the labs that they teach.

Two students, Megan McConnell and Steven Lingenfelter, attended this spring's National American Chemical Society meeting. They were invited to present papers on research that they had conducted over the past year. One of the organizers of this session was John Engelman, a graduate of our department Industrial Chemistry Technology (ICT) program. In addition to the opportunity to make presentations at a national meeting, Megan and Steven also received career counseling, advice on building a good resume, and other information from the session organizers.

With the assistance of equipment funding from the Provost's Office and the Dean's Office, our department has recently purchased a GC-MS (gas chromatograph - mass spectrometer). Along with the other instruments we already have, the GC-MS will enable our faculty and students to more fully characterize compounds synthesized during labs or research. Bill Killian received the full three-day training provided on-site, and these members of our department have also received introductory training: Gary Hiel, Pete Baland, Kim Colvert, Colleen Partigianoni, Jeff Christafferson, Prabhakara Shetty, Dan Adsmond, Beth Miller, Pasquale Di Raddo, Mary Bacon, James Weaver, Piram Prakasam and Dave Frank.

With assistance provided by Todd Stanislav and Piram Prakasam, Francis Burns made arrangements to sponsor Dr. Lilliana Mammino's visit to the FSU campus from March 21-March 24. Having grown up in Italy and having received her doctorate in chemistry from Moskow State University, Dr. Mammino now teaches post-secondary chemistry in South Africa. While she was on campus, she conducted one workshop and made two presentations. One of her presentations focused on the teaching of an academic subject, such as chemistry, in a language other than the student's mother tongue.

Charles and Mary Bacon are working hard with students in the Forensics Biology major and take students to conferences.

Pasquale DiRaddo reported working with some great RSO students and leaders of the pre professional programs.

- Pre optometry RSO is the largest in the country and many graduates come back to talk with current students about career choices.
- ASC Chemistry Club has been very successful with many awards such as The Green Chemistry Award. They are very active on campus and as well as in the community.
- Recently three of his research students (Marc Cervantes, Joseph Saviano, and Harrison Roy) recently attended the American Chemical Society meeting in Anaheim, California presenting research on the role of vitamin K. Their poster presentation was accepted and two completed oral presentations. All did an outstanding job under Mark Thomson’s assistance at the conference. The Student Research Grant of the Dean’s Office assisted in funding the student’s travel.
- Poetry and Chemistry – Dr. DiRaddo is the only one in Michigan and enjoys writing and presenting on this.

Mathematics Department reported:

- The Mathematics Secondary Education major is undergoing revision. A small group of faculty participated this year in a dialogue with GVSU to further efforts to revise the secondary program.
- The Elementary Mathematics Minor has been expanded to the Grand Rapids campus.
- Emeritus, Mary Forintos and Kirk Weller, Department Head, have been involved with instructional coaching at Grant High School as part of the Newaygo County Regional Education Service Agency’s
School Improvement Grant for Grant High School. This will likely be a three-year project to increase performance in mathematics assessment at the high school.

- About half of the faculty in the Mathematics Department use some version of an online homework tool. Data to determine the efficacy of these tools has been gathered for assessment purposes, and a small group of faculty is contemplating a more formal study.
- We are offering third semester calculus to TC High School and their teachers working with Harvey Hanna on this collaboration. This is very exciting for these students and could garner students that we normally would enroll at Ferris.
- Hengli Jiao reported that his four yearlong $500,000 NSF STEM Grant is in its last academic year. This grant has supported awards for 109 students, who have been awarded up to $3,000 a year with some for the entire four year period. This year it has funded 55 students due to college support and extra availability in the grant. He is current seeking further grant opportunities to extend this model.

Languages and Literature Department reported:

- Approved department Bylaws with departmental policy and procedures. This has made the department more cohesive.
- The foreign language classrooms were renovated over summer. This has assisted in community building and facilitates teaching due to the new room set up.
- Foreign languages placement testing is now offering a WebCape placement prior to coming to registration to get proper placement during registration. This will likely encourage more students taking foreign language courses. We have an unlimited license with this company for only $300 a year.
- Record efficiency in the languages this year Spanish at 98%. We will add courses to meet this demand.
- The English BA was just revised to be more responsive to innovation.
- English Education coordinator is Chris VonderHaar. She is engaging students by having them organize the Shakespeare event and have students participate in panels with the advisory board.
- There were a record number of 830 students served in Writing Center this Fall. They are reaching out to the entire campus to be of service by offering on-line services, supporting specific student cohorts, as well as offering summer services.
- Torch activities have been impressive this year under the coordination of Steve Fox, to include:
  o March 5, 2011: Torch cartoonist John Vestevich was notified he is this year's recipient of the Charles M. Schulz Award for a College Cartoonist, presented by Scripps Howard Foundation. He receives a trophy and $10,000 for the prize.
  o Jan. 30, 2011: Torch sports editor Greg Buckner was presented a $1,000 Michigan Press Association Foundation Community Journalism Scholarship in Detroit. He was one of 10 students in the state to receive the scholarship - one each from 11 colleges and universities. Once included by the Foundation board members, Ferris is guaranteed one scholarship recipient each year unless the Foundation board opts to discontinue Ferris' involvement.
  o The website has more than doubled its regular activity. It had 9,755 hits in February. In January 2010, including a single-day high of almost 1,000.
  o March 15, 2011: The Torch website (fsutorch.com) won second place in the annual Apple Awards presented at the College Media Advisers annual convention in New York City. 132 entries in all.
  o October 2010: The Torch received nine awards in the Michigan Collegiate Press Association annual contest for work done in 2009-10. In addition to first place in three advertising categories, Torch staff members swept the Multimedia Reporting category.
- David Russell has completed the 7th edition of his children’s literature textbook.
• Phillip Sterling has a new publication with Wayne State University Press, entitled *In Which Brief Stories Are Told*.

• Chris VonderHarr reported that the College of Arts and Sciences has been the most involved of all colleges in the self study process and wants to recognize Sandy Balkema’s outstanding expertise and commitment to writing this report.

**Social Sciences Department reported:**

• The Social Work Program has seen a 39% increase since fall of 2008. Much of this growth has been achieved in Traverse City. The program now has an enrollment that exceeds 200.

• Psychology has grown 37% since fall of 2008. Its current enrollment is hovering around 160. Right now, the number of admits is up 30% for fall 2011, so we expect at least 175 students.

• One of the Department’s goals has been to provide educational experiences outside of the classroom. Through service learning, political engagement, and research lab experience, students have done the following:
  
  o Mentored local grade-school students through an advanced interviewing course.
  
  o Engaged in fundraising for Walter Reed
  
  o Three students visited D.C. and met with Senators Stabenow and Levin. They took the senate train and were treated very well.
  
  o Interviewed World War II veterans. This round included a former member of the SS and a Polish-speaking U.S. soldier who was able to tell camp survivors that they were free.
  
  o Assisted with original, experimental research. This has included research examining the links between physiological measures (e.g., hear rate, skin conductance, cardiac output and facial muscles) and emotional regulation. Other research includes studying the causal links between video game play and aggression and how this is moderated by color and trait aggression.
  
  o Psychology students heading to the Michigan undergraduate research conference.
  
  o Engaged in disaster preparedness activities on campus and worked with local agencies, including the Red Cross and the Mecosta County Office of Emergency Management.
  
  o Recent trip taken to the U.N. by Social Work students for a social justice conference. Part of this trip included meeting with a diverse group of elderly at the “University Settlement.”
  
  o Students in SSCI 310 continue to conduct applied research. Most recently, they have collected data to better understand the needs of Ferris students with children.
  
  o Political Science, Psychology, and Social Work require hands-on experiences. Political Science and Social Work require internships. Psychology requires an internship or student research. Unlike many programs (esp. psychology programs), the units arrange internships for students rather than leave them adrift.

• We have increased the international content of the Social Sciences curriculum in a variety of ways, including:
  
  o Bridging Classroom Project between Renato Cerdena’s GEOG class and students at a Philippine University.
  
  o The development of study-away courses: El Salvatore with Mike Berghoef, India with Kali Majumdar, and Turkey with Meral Topcu.
  
  o We are very close to making the final arrangements for a threatened scholar to join the Department for a year after collaborating with David Pilgrim, Chief Diversity Officer.
Rick Griffin is away this semester in Hungary for his Fulbright.

- Wendy Samuels reported completing a successful Social Work Accreditation Site Visit last week. Their program had 17 social work students attend the Social Work Day in Washington, DC. They also have 11 students going to El Salvador with Mike Berghoef’s study away trip.
- Wendy Samuels reported a strong academic service learning component in the college, as evidenced by the large amount of faculty participating.
- Jennifer Johnson reported the installation of weather stations at Brookside and Eastbrook Elementary schools. She also has several students working with local schools on safety with her students presenting in-services.

**Biological Sciences Department reported:**

- Curricular revisions are ongoing with several new courses and revisions to reshape majors and interest with faculty input.
- The department is working on recruitment with Amber Balmer, Recruitment Specialist. There have been several calling nights with 10 faculty participating. Students are excited to speak with professors and they are even receiving thank you and follow up emails from these prospective students.
- Brad Isler reported that Biotechnology enrollment has increase 30% since last year. The Biotechnology Camps are packed with wait lists.
- Enrollment in Biotechnology is up 32% from last year (Fall 09→Fall 10). Recent equipment acquisitions, such as a DNA sequencer, are affording students the opportunity to gain real-world experiences.
- Scheduling of the General Biology sequence (BIOL 121/122) was expanded to offer each course in all three semesters. Enrollment in both courses was up 15%; BIOL 121 from 517 (F9-SP10) to 592 (F10-sp11).
- Biology faculty Robert Friar, Beth Zimmer, Daisy Daubert, and Chris Westerkamp are taking approximately 50-60 students to the “Body Revealed “exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum this April.
- Scott Herron and Joshua Byers (student) are invited speakers to the Ecological Society of America meeting in Austin Texas this August. They will make a presentation titled “TEK combined with laboratory research on wild rice is driving the restoration of the wild rice culture and ecosystems”. He feels that his participation with several other faculty from the college to attend the Council on Undergraduate Research is yielding results and supporting further research with students and appreciates the support from the college.
- Changqi Zhu presented a poster titled "Activin signaling is required for Drosophila follicle cell development and normal female fertility” at the annual meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology in Albuquerque, New Mexico ( August 2010).
- Beth Zimmer reported working with student, Rachel Scheib, to present research in a poster format at the Experimental Biology Conference held in Washington, DC in April. They will present studies on what neural centers control respiratory patterns. This was support by a Student Research Grant of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Richard Marble, Manager of the Animal Care Facility reported:
  - Supporting multiple faculty performing research on rats, alligators, pigeons, and fish embryos to name a few. He sees the student excitement and engagement first hand and it supports how the university supports theory to practice!
ALLAC Accreditation has again been confirmed after a successful review in February.

He co-instructs a capstone course for Biotechnology having 11 students last fall. The students were very appreciative of his efforts as well as Frank Hartley’s and felt that their experience was helpful to graduate school.

- Brad Isler reported utilizing the DNA Sequencer for research and is currently having students develop research to sequence their own DNA.
- Kemi Fadayomi reported that the solid and relevant instruction students receive at Ferris has shown success by one of her students being accepted at three medical schools and three other students yielding interviews at medical schools or PharmD schools.
- Changqi Zhu reported his appreciation to the Biology Department and university for their support for student research activities and necessary equipment. He has several student research projects that are ongoing. These same students are using these skills to gain summer internships. His BIOL 121 students are using state-of-the-art microscopes that were supported through equipment funding from the Provost’s Office. He feels that we offer some of the most advanced technology to deliver instruction at Ferris.
- Cliff Frankland reported developing on line teaching materials. He is currently working with MaGraw Hill to develop on-line labs. He is using on-line modules that fit into Ferris Connect to supplement his current instruction. He submitted his first working prototype for on-line modules and won first place.
- Chris Redker reported research in muscular hypertrophy in animals as part of his research in exercise physiology. He is collaborating with local high schools to use cross country athletes as part of his research.
- Cindy Fitzwilliams – Heck reported completing a storm water runoff project on campus. Her class set up a rain garden to capture rainwater near the osprey cam, with reservoirs. This project has ran over one year with various courses/students/instructors working on it to include majors in surveying, construction, TVP, as well as local high school students working to develop this with campus students.

**General College of Arts and Sciences report:**

- The College Bylaws were updated this summer to add a diversity committee, electronic voting options, and some ad-hocs committees were changed to standing committees.
- The college is near completion of a large HVARC project after one year. The college coordination was performed by Christi Swank with extensive collaboration with Clark Construction and Physical Plant to ensure classroom instruction and building coordination.
- The college supported several faculty attending the Council on Undergraduate Research a few months ago. These faculty have an interest in drafting grants as part of their attendance.
- We will hold a College of Arts and Sciences Student Recognition Event this year to recognize and celebrate student achievements this year. There will be awards and poster events with faculty participation.
- BIS program has 20 prospective graduates for spring and 100 in the program. The coordinator, Roxanne Cullen, is doing an excellent job in recruiting and meeting the needs of these students from all over the nation.
- The college has hired Angie Mishler as the new Pre Professional Programs Advisor. She also coordinates the dual enrollment program working with 15 schools and 146 students.
- The college has developed a CAS CARE Team that will discuss students of concern within the college prior to issues needing to be referred to BRT/TAT.
Several members of the college to include Andy Karafa, Nate Garrelts, Kirk Weller, Reinhold Hill, Jenice Winowieki and Anne Marie Gillespie attended the NACADA Institute on Retention and Advising.

- Using this opportunity as a springboard, Andy and Anne Marie wrote a successful proposal on the Focus on Student Success Grants program. This proposal reviews student perceptions of advising and their relationship to student retention.