

Friday @ the Center: November 30, 2007

♥ Our Heart

As the quarter winds down in the midst of controversy, colds, and complaints, let's remember that at the heart of the Christian university is the simple act of faculty teaching students in truth, faith, and love. It's easy to lose that vision when we feel tired and discouraged. Let's do our best for our students during the next two weeks, guiding them to integrate their learning for the quarter in final papers, projects, and exams; helping and encouraging them to do their best possible work; praising their impressive achievements; and gently but firmly holding them accountable for their actions.

♪ Advising Notes: Major/Minor Checklists

Faculty advisors will soon be receiving requests from Student Academic Services to update their advisees' progress in their major and/or minor. With this request, you will also receive copies of the student's current official academic records, including a Degree Requirement Checklist, transcript, and transfer credit evaluation. To make sure that there isn't any miscommunication and that you aren't asked to submit an additional update at a later time, please make sure any major/minor checklist you send to SAS includes:

- Student name and SPU ID number
- What has been completed for the major/minor
- What still needs to be completed for the major/minor
- Your name and signature

You can use either the SAS checklist, or your own departmental major/minor checklist, as long as it includes all of the above information. Send these checklists via campus mail to SAS, Suite 113, to the attention of the student's SAS counselor. Checklists need to be submitted within three weeks of the initial request in order to keep students on track toward graduation. Keep the copies of the academic records for your own files.

▣ Instructional Technology Grant

Do you have an idea for integrating technology into your instruction but need some financial support to go from idea to implementation? Instructional Technology Services, the CSFD, and Computer and Information Systems are sponsoring a grant to support innovative uses of instructional technology at Seattle Pacific University. Complete guidelines for this local grant opportunity can be found at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/its/grant/2007>. Contact David Wicks if you'd like to talk about possible ideas. Deadline: **Jan. 3, 2008**.

Blessings to all,

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