



# Faculty Senate Courier

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## Message from Faculty President

### Welcome Back

I hope that everyone had a terrific break. This has been an unusually snowy year. On a lighter note, the orchid show, *Flora Maya*, opened on Saturday, January 29 and ends on March 27, 2011 at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG). It features several moss people with various headpieces. Several placards display fun facts about the Mayan, Aztec, and other indigenous peoples of Mexico. As an enticement to visit the MBG, several of my photos are displayed in this issue. I would encourage you to visit the orchid show. Next time you see me, please do not hesitate to let me know how you enjoyed it. On a more personal note, two of my orchids from last year are now blooming at home. They are a paphiopedilum ('Eureka' x 'Raisin Pie') and the oncidium (Twinkle 'Little Star'). My ludisia discolor (Black Jewel Orchid) bloomed in December, but it is more prized for its leaves. During the past year, I did manage to kill one or two other varieties orchids. Oops!

### The Galleries

In this newsletter, you will find some wonderful photos from the celebration marking Webster University as an All-Steinway School. Daniel Schene gave a wonderful performance during the celebration on December 22, 2010. Play Daniel play! President Stroble and Dr Jeffrey Carter were present to provide remarks.

The Hunt Gallery is displaying *The Real Beauty Project*. I had the opportunity to be at the opening of the show on January 21, 2011. You still have time to catch this remarkable exhibit. Thanks Jeff for the opportunity to see this exhibit.

The May Gallery is displaying the *Annual Juried Exhibition* photos showing student work from across the country. I had the opportunity to be at the opening of the show on January 21, 2011. You still have time to catch this remarkable exhibit. Thanks Bill for the opportunity to see this exhibit.

The Good Citizen Gallery invites you to [Dismantling Evil](#), an exhibition of work by Robin Assner and Sarah Nitschke . I was able to attend the opening of this wonderful exhibit. Please find the time to visit the gallery and support our colleague, Robin Assner.

## **Dates to include on your calendars:**

### **Faculty Socials:**

- a.) Feb. 18 (3:30pm – 5:30 pm) --- Faculty Senate House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- b.) Mar. 18 (3:30pm – 5:30 pm) --- Faculty Senate House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- c.) Apr. 15 (3:30pm – 5:30 pm) --- Faculty Senate House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Spring Institute** – March 25, 2011 (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm) --- in Sunnen Lounge

### **Faculty Assembly Meetings** --- 3:00-4:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb 8, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

(We usually hold one more assembly meeting to ratify the contract agreement. TBD.)

## **Great Quotes to Remember**

“What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a 4-leaf clover?” (\*See below for the answer.)

“Change is never easy.” --- Sally Field

“No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.” --- Aesop

A wonderful friend presented me with Wisdom of Meerkats, a book of quotes, for my birthday. These quotes are found in that book.

\*A rash of good luck

**All-Steinway School**  
**Daniel Schene performing a fitting piece. Thank you.**



# The Hunt Gallery



January 21 – February 19, 2011



**the real beauty project**

work by **Claudia DeMonte**

**OPENING RECEPTION: Friday, January 21, 2011  
6PM – 8PM**

Cecille R. Hunt Gallery

*Financial assistance for this project has been provided by  
The Missouri Arts Council, a state agency,  
and  
With Support from the Regional Arts Commission*



## **The May Gallery**

# ***Annual Juried Exhibition***

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**21 January - 18 February 2011**

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The May Gallery is located on the second floor, west wing, of the [Sverdrup Building](#) at 8300 Big Bend Boulevard, Webster Groves MO 63119. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-9:00 pm; Saturday-Sunday, noon-5:00 pm.



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Dismantling Evil  
Robin Assner and Sarah Nitschke  
Opening Reception Friday, January 21, 6-10m  
Good Citizen Gallery  
January 21 - February 26, 2011

[Dismantling Evil](#) is an exhibition of a new body of work by artists **Robin Assner** and **Sarah Nitschke**. The roots of this work stem from a long-term, multi-disciplinary, series based project titled *Acts of Hope and Futility* - the collaborators have been working on this series since 2004.



The body of work in [Dismantling Evil](#) is an examination of evil from a humanistic perspective. In particular Assner and Nitschke are interested in evil as an intrinsic part of the human psyche and experience; how it is often normally good natured, average people who commit evil. This work challenges each individual to examine their own views and personal responsibility - as complicit bystanders and accessories after the fact - to the rampant global ills that continue to haunt us. Through extensive research and study, the artists have created work which begin to dismantle the complexities of western ideas about evil, challenging conventional perceptions, notions, and assumptions of what is, and who is, evil. In doing so, Assner and Nitschke hope to break down the highly evocative subject of evil; deflating its power and revealing small actions that can begin to disrupt its perpetuation, on both an individual and a community level.

The presence of "evil" is found within all levels of the Western human consciousness. It has infiltrated all forms of mass media communications and feeds an incessant cultural fascination and attention to all of the "evil" in the world. A small fraction of examples representing this bombardment can be seen in the following; the American term "axis of evil" and the constant threat of terrorist attacks; newscasts and multitudes of true crime programming on cable and television networks portraying "evil" individuals killing their spouses; and 24/7 access via the internet to plentiful and highly disturbing examples of evil-

videos, photos, court testimonies, etc. The idea of evil is not just sitting on the back burner in our minds. We are constantly being confronted with the idea, the thing, the descriptor, and the act. As a countermeasure to such constant unconscious psychological infiltration, Assner and Nitschke do not get caught up in the heightened emotional intensity of the topic, but deliberately dismantle the concept and the roots of evil. Not condoning evil acts is essential, while simultaneously illuminating "evils" core underpinnings as manageable, controllable facets of the human experience.

### **Ro~Sa**

Ro~Sa, founded in 2004 is a collaboration between artists Robin Assner (St. Louis, MO) and Sarah Nitschke (Milwaukee, WI). Meeting at an artist residency, Assner and Nitschke recognized in each other a deep, shared interest in exploring ideas about the nature of human experience. The collaboration enables a unique formation of ideas to coalesce into art that addresses issues of the power of ideas, objects and rituals, the body, women's role in society, and the human quest for happiness. Ro~Sa has had numerous exhibitions, the most recent at the Duluth Art Institute in Duluth, Minnesota and at Roger Williams University in Providence, Rhode Island.

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## Good Citizen Gallery

### Gallery Hours

Fri., Sat.

Noon - 5pm and by  
appointment

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# **MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

## **December 02, 2010**

### **Attendance**

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, 2 December 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni House with Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, presiding.

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Maxine Bauermeister, Carla Colletti, Kathy Corley, Don Morse, John Orr, J. P. Palmer-Schulyer, Art Silverblatt, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh, Gwyneth Williams.

### **Minutes Approved**

The Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of 18 November 2010, and the Faculty Assembly Meeting of 30 November 2010 were approved.

### **Appointments**

The Senate approved the appointment of Diane Cooper to replace Carol Hoyt on the Honors board.

The Senate appointed Tom Cornell and Brenda Boyce to new seats on the Institutional Review Board Committee.

### **Global Citizenship Task Force Report**

The Senate discussed the Global Citizenship Task Force Report at length. Procedural matters discussed included:

- How to present the final proposal
- How amendments to that proposal would be handled
- How a vote would be conducted

The Senate agreed that all amendments would have to be submitted in writing before the projected day of voting, 8 February 2011.

Substantive matters included the concerns and anxieties raised by various schools and constituencies. Some of these questions were philosophical, e.g. can general education requirements be different for different degrees (e.g. B.F.A.)? Others dealt with questions of resources: Do we have sufficient faculty to teach the courses and sufficient space to place the classes.

The Senate then took up the proposal point by point in order to craft the proposal into a motion to be presented to the Faculty Assembly for a vote.

# **MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

## **December 09, 2010**

### **Attendance**

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, 9 December 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni House with Keith Welsh, Faculty Senate Vice President, presiding.

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Maxine Bauermeister, Mary Bevel, Carla Colletti, Kathy Corley, Dan Hellinger, Don Morse, J. P. Palmer-Schulyer, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Gwyneth Williams

### **Global Citizenship Project Task Force report**

The Senate continued the discussion of the Global Citizenship Project Task Force report initiated at the 2 December meeting.

Senators reported on views expressed at their school meetings.

The Senate voted to shape a final proposal from the GCPTF report.

The Senate continued a point-by point consideration of the GCPTF recommendations.

# MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING

## December 16, 2010

### **Attendance**

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, 16 December 2010, at 11:30 p.m. at Favazza's Restaurant as guests of Julian Schuster. Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, presiding.

Members Present: Maxine Bauermeister, Carla Colletti, Dan Hellinger, Don Morse, John Orr, J. P. Palmer-Schulyer, Art Silverblatt, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh, Gwyneth Williams

Also present: Julian Schuster, Laura Rein

### **Appointments approved:**

- a. Graduate Council – John Robinson to replace Al Cawns for Spring 1, 2011
- b. Senate – Chris Sagovac to replace Kathy Corley for Spring 2011
- c. General Studies Committee - Aaron AuBuchon to replace Sally Howald for Spring 2011
- d. International Studies Committee
  - Carla Colletti to replace Jef Awada for Spring 2011
  - Ece Tuncel to replace Gloria Grenwald for Spring 2011

### **Insurance for Domestic Partners**

The issue of taxes on insurance for domestic partners was discussed. Various questions were raised involving definitions of domestic partnerships, the University's obligations to the tax code, and the impact a reimbursement might have on other benefits. It was agreed that we needed to gather more faculty input.

The Senate passed the following resolution:

“The Faculty Senate endorses in principle the initiative to achieve equity in taxation on all insurance benefits.

1. The Senate strongly urges the University to strive for tax equity benefits for all Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered employees of the University in Domestic Partnerships because employees in such partnerships have no option of marriage.
2. The Senate strongly urges the University to study the question of tax equity benefits for employees of the University in heterosexual Domestic Partnerships.

3. The Senate recognizes that "Grossing Up" may increase other employee benefits (such as annual raises and contributions to TIAA-CREF). Consequently, the Senate urges that the University also address this issue in order to insure equity for all employees.

4. The Senate strongly urges the Administration to extend more generous repayment terms for any monies advanced to assist the affected employees. Specifically, the Senate asks that the repayment period be extended to at least six months.”

### **Plagiarism Prevention Proposal**

Laura Rein presented a draft of the Plagiarism Prevention Program proposal for discussion and comment.

### **Other Business**

The Senate discussed several issues with Provost Julian Schuster.

–Julian Schuster announced that the initial information on benchmarking salaries should be completed within the next month, after which the information would be studied to determine what proposals would be brought forward.

–Julian Schuster explained that the situation in Thailand posed no threat to our students. There had been lapses in communication but no students were ever in danger. He further explained that there were some important issues to be addressed, including the sense of entitlement on the part of some adjuncts as well as various operational issues that need to be resolved.

# **MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

## **January 13, 2011**

### **Attendance**

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, 13 January 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni House with Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, presiding.

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Glen Bauer, Maxine Bauermeister, Mary Bevel, Dan Hellinger, Don Morse, Chris Sagovac, J. P. Palmer-Schulyer, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh, Gwyneth Williams.

### **Minutes Approved**

The Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of 2 December 2010, 9 December 2010, and 16 December 2010 were approved.

### **Global Citizenship Project Task Force report**

The Senate discussed the proposed procedures to follow for their motion based upon the Global Citizenship Project Task Force report that would be emailed to the faculty.

The Senate concluded the discussion of the Global Citizenship Project Task Force report.

Senators reported on views expressed at their school meetings.

The Senate completed its revised proposal.

### **Announcements:**

- a.) The Provost and the Senate will be at a retreat on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 1-4:30 pm at Cyarano's.
- b.) The Mercer compensation report commissioned by the Board of Trustees will be first presented to the Board of Trustees and then to the Faculty Compensation Committee. Afterwards, it will be distributed to all faculty.

# The Orchid Show

## 'Maya Flora'

January 29 – March 27, 2011

At MBG



The moss king and  
queen taken during the  
day and at night.





# A Reminder of Faculty Senate Membership 2010-2011

*These are your representatives:*

President of the Faculty Senate:	Ralph Olliges (Multidisciplinary Studies)
Vice-President of the Faculty Senate:	Keith Welsh (Religious Studies)
At-large Faculty Senators:	Dan Hellinger (HIPR) J.P. Palmer-Schuyler (Management) Art Silverblatt (Communication & Journalism) Marti Smith (Math & Computer Science) Roy Tamashiro (Multidisciplinary Studies) Gwyneth Williams (HIPR)
College of Arts & Sciences:	Don Morse (Philosophy) Keith Welsh (Religious Studies)
Leigh Gerding College of Fine Arts:	Jef Awada (Theatre) Glen Bauer (Music)
George Herbert Walker School of Business and Technology:	John Aleshunas (Math & Computer Science) John Orr (Management)
School of Communications:	Chris Sagovac (Electronic & Photographic Media) (replaces Kathy Corley for Spring 2011) Eileen Solomon (Communication & Journalism)
School of Education:	Maxine Bauermeister (Teacher Education) Mary Bevel (Multidisciplinary Studies)

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