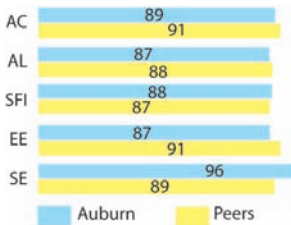


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How Auburn Stacks Up

Results* from 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement, AU & peer institutions



* indexed mean
AC: academic challenge
AL: active learning
SFI: student-faculty interaction
EE: enriching experience
SE: supportive environment
Details online at <https://oira.auburn.edu/assessment>

Source: Institutional Research and Assessment

www.ocm.auburn.edu/au_report/aureport.html

FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY
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New perspective

With the return to neoclassical architecture at Auburn, the new Shelby Center in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering provides an interesting mix of geometric lines, as seen in this view across the center's south courtyard.

Faculty voting online this week

Auburn faculty will vote electronically this week for a chair-elect and secretary-elect of the University Faculty and its representative body, the University Senate. To vote, go to the Web site, <https://fp.auburn.edu/senateVote>.

Election results will be announced at the March 11 meeting of the University Faculty. Statements of the candidates for secretary-elect are inside this edition of the AU Report. Statements from candidates for chair-elect were in last week's edition and can be found online at the AU Report Web site.

New office helps AU students find D.C. internships

Auburn has launched a program to help students identify and land internships in the nation's capital.

Headed by Heather Finch, the new Washington Internship Program helps students find and apply for internships in their area of interest in Washington, D.C. Internship possibilities include the White House, Congress, the judiciary and most federal agencies.

"Internships with the federal government are a great experience and career booster for students," said Finch. "In the past, a lot of good students expressed interest in a Washington internship, and a number of students obtained internships. But many of them missed out on the opportunity because they did not know where to look or how to apply."

She added, "We are here to give them that opportunity and to provide a support system that goes beyond applying for the position." She noted that the office helps students identify affordable lodging in the capital city and establish contacts with Auburn alumni who are working in the federal government.

Finch said internships are available in nearly every branch of the federal government, and many agencies like to hire students with academic majors in their areas of responsibility. "Practically every major can find an agency or branch of government that needs people in that field," she said. "And a lot of internships are open to any academic major."

Also, she said, students can sometimes find internships in or near their hometowns through congressional district offices and state or regional offices of federal agencies.

Since its start in November, the Washington Internship Program has helped more than 30 students apply for internships in the federal government for next summer and the 2008-09 academic

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University Faculty and Senate

Secretary-elect candidate statement

Dennis DeVries in his own words

I am honored to be nominated for secretary-elect of the University Senate.

When I was asked to consider such a nomination, I wondered if I was the sort of person the faculty would want in this position. My approach as a faculty member at Auburn for the past 18 years, as



DeVries

well as during my six years on the University Senate has been one of communicating, listening, learning and then coming to what I believe to be a reasoned conclusion, with any action that I pursue being based on that process. I am not one to go shouting from the rooftops about injustice, so if that is what you want in your University Senate secretary, then I may not be the right candidate.

However, I will always seek input and make sure that I reflect the will of the faculty to the best of my abilities. During my time as an Auburn faculty member, I have seen a number of university administrations come and go, as well as controversies that sometimes surrounded them, including some good and bad times relative to shared governance. I firmly believe in the principles of shared governance, and I am confident that as the new administration begins here at AU, we are in an ideal situation to continue to move forward as a more unified university community.

While I sometimes feel that strategic planning can be an exercise in futility, I do believe that the current development of a strategic plan for Auburn by Presi-

dent Gogue represents an excellent opportunity for the faculty to be heard and be a part of the planning process. However, time will tell if we are allowed to participate in the implementation of the plan. I believe that it is up to the University Senate and the Senate leadership to make sure that we are a part of that implementation process.

Although the environment relative to shared governance appears relatively calm at the moment, at least in contrast to the years during which I served on the University Senate, I know that it will not last forever. We are likely to be facing some serious budget issues in the immediate future, along with issues associated with the implementation of university programmatic and post-tenure reviews. I look forward to these challenges and opportunities that serving you as University Senate secretary would provide.

Dennis DeVries at AU

- ◆ Joined Auburn faculty, 1990
- ◆ Professor, Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures
- ◆ Former member, University Senate
- ◆ AU or Senate committee experience includes Academic Computing, Faculty Salaries, Occupational Safety and Health

Washington internships

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year. While it is too early to know how many will be accepted for these highly coveted positions in the program's first year, Finch said she would not be surprised to see 10 or 12 Auburn students serving internships with the federal government each semester in the near future.

"This is a way to match up some of the best and brightest students with federal agencies and congressional offices that are looking for outstanding talent," said Brian Keeter, director of public affairs at AU.

"For students, an internship in Washington is a unique opportunity to learn first-hand how government works," he said.

Keeter added that Auburn has an extensive network of alumni in the Washington area, and many of these alumni are very supportive of

Auburn students. He noted that Alabama's congressional delegation also encourages students to apply for assistantships. A member of both groups, AU Alumnus and U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus of Alabama's Sixth Congressional District, said, "A Washington internship offers a fun and educational experience for your collegiate career and provides leadership skills for a lifetime."

Finch said students can improve their odds of earning an internship for 2009 by starting early to identify and apply for positions either in Washington or their home districts.

Information on Auburn's Washington Internship Program is online at www.auburn.edu/washington. Contact Finch by e-mail at finchhm@auburn.edu or phone at 844-4784.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 4

PUBLIC LECTURE "Gone with the Girdle: Freedom, Restraint and Power in Women's Dress," Susan Neill of the Atlanta History Center, 12:30 p.m., Foy 213

MEETING University Senate, 3 p.m., auditorium, Broun Hall

PUBLIC LECTURE AU alumnus Jeff Frederick of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, author of "Stand Up for Alabama: Governor George Wallace," 3 p.m., Special Collections and Archives, Draughon Library

PUBLIC LECTURE Architecture historian John S. Sledge, "Iron Lace: Photographs of Mobile by Sheila Hagler," 4 p.m., Jule Collins Smith Museum

PUBLIC LECTURE "Eating and Exercise: A Healthy Balance," Page Love of the American Diabetic Association, 7 p.m., Haley 2370

Thursday, March 6

PUBLIC LECTURE "Behind the Mask: African Art," Sidney Kasfir of Emory University, 4 p.m., Jule Collins Smith Museum

GUEST RECITAL Pianist Orn Banterghansa from Thailand, 5 p.m., Goodwin Recital Hall

Friday, March 7

SYMPOSIUM "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America," 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Special Collections and Archives, Draughon Library

Monday, March 10

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PUBLIC LECTURE "Chasing Freedom: Railroads, Train Travel, and the Remaking of African American Religion, 1860-1920," historian John Giggie of the University of Alabama, 3 p.m., Special Collections and Archives, Draughon Library

Tuesday, March 11

MEETING University Faculty, installation of officers, 3 p.m., auditorium, Broun Hall



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University Faculty and Senate

Secretary-elect candidate statement

Lawrence Molt in his own words

I have had the privilege of being a faculty member at our university for the past 13 years, and will likely finish out my career at Auburn. It has been my privilege to also serve on the faculty senate while at other universities, both within our region and nationally, and in leadership roles within



Molt

my profession that enabled me to hear the concerns and accomplishments of faculty at other universities across the state, region, nation and internationally. During my time here I have had the opportunity to observe the activities of the Board of Trustees and four different AU presidents and to see the critical role that the University Senate and faculty input has played in mediating decisions of the administration. Shared governance is one of the primary keys that enable a university to reach its full potential, and, if elected secretary, I pledge to exert every effort to maintain and expand the leadership position that our senate currently enjoys in university governance.

The Faculty Handbook lists the duties of the secretary. These include recording, maintaining and distributing the minutes of each Senate meeting and the actions of the Senate and its committees. The secretary also maintains the Faculty Handbook and serves on the Rules Committee and Steering Committee. If elected secretary, I pledge to keep a fair and unbiased account of all activities of the Senate,

to be a strong voice for the faculty in all meetings with the administration and ensure that every faculty member has the opportunity to participate in the governance of our university and to have his or her voice heard.

The next several years promise to be challenging, yet filled with opportunities for the growth and advancement of Auburn University. The faculty will have many opportunities for leadership. These include the current strategic planning process, probable funding shortfalls and other economic challenges, the continuing efforts to provide greater diversity in both faculty and student body, and to define our university's role in the state, region, nation and world. I promise to ensure that our faculty have clear and free opportunities to share in leadership in those areas.

Lawrence Molt at AU

- ◆ Joined Auburn faculty, 1995
- ◆ Professor and former chair, Department of Communication Disorders
- ◆ Member, University Senate
- ◆ AU or Senate committee experience includes Calendar and Schedules, Academic Standards

Conference takes new look at disabilities

Auburn's College of Education will host the Alabama Transition Conference next week at the Marriott Grand National Conference Center in Opelika.

The March 10-12 conference examines new developments and services for young people who are learning to overcome and live with physical or mental disabilities as they become adults.

Approximately 700 persons will attend the conference to discuss changes in programs and strategies for helping young people with disabilities.

"This year's conference will focus on helping youth learn how to take charge of their lives," said Diane Glanzer, conference and ATLI outreach coordinator.

"As we all know, making the transition from being a teenager to young adult is not always easy," said Karen Rabren, director of the Auburn Transition Leadership Institute in AU's College of Education, where she is an associate professor.

"It is an exciting time, but it can also include many trials and tribulations, and for youth with disabilities it can be especially challenging," Rabren continued. "In fact, transition is so important that the governor has proclaimed March as Transition Awareness Month for Individuals with Disabilities."

The opening session will be led by LeDerick Horne, an inspirational speaker from New Jersey, and James Martin, who is a professor and researcher at the University of Oklahoma. Horne will discuss his experiences enroute to overcoming a learning disability, and Martin will discuss strategies for helping young people take charge of their lives during transition.

Other speakers include Larry Kortering of the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center; Bill East, executive director of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education; and Carl Suter, executive director of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.



Spirit of Excellence

Each month, Auburn recognizes outstanding employee performance by presenting Spirit of Excellence awards to four staff members. Recipients for December were, clockwise from left, Sandy Baker of Academic Support in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, David Mark Wilson of Information Technology, James Gillock of Housing and Residence Life and Flora Gibson of Building Services in Facilities.

Design magazine cites AU programs, professor

A leading magazine for design professionals has again recognized programs in two AU colleges and an Auburn professor as among the best in their fields.

In a recent edition, DesignIntelligence magazine ranked the interior design program in AU's College of Human Sciences no. 4 among programs of its type in the United States.

This is the fifth consecutive year the Interior Design program has been ranked in the top 10 for accredited programs by DesignIntelligence.

The magazine also ranked the undergraduate program of the Department of Industrial Design in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction as no. 5 in the nation in its field and included Professor Tin Man Lau among 25 faculty members across the United States in the category of "2008's Most Respected and Admired Educators."

This is the second year Industrial Design's undergraduate program was the top-ranked undergraduate university program of its type in the South. For the second year the department's graduate program is also ranked among the top 10 programs nationwide.

Professional groups recognize AU for marketing, communications

Auburn received seven awards for its communications and marketing programs at the 2008 Southeast region meeting in February of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Higher Education.

At the CASE meeting in Atlanta, AU's Office of Communications and Marketing received Awards of Excellence in the paid advertisements category for "We're Not Just Another Pretty Face"; slide and multimedia programs category for "Spotlight on Fairfield" with the College of Architecture, Design and Construction's Urban Studio; and improvement in design category for an equine brochure with the Office of Development and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Communications and Marketing and participating colleges and administrative units won Special Merit Awards for a College of Liberal Arts promotional DVD; a paid advertisement, "The World is Closer than It Appears," for the College of Human Sciences; the university's Faculty Awards for Excellence in Instruction, Research and Outreach event; and for the "This Week at AU" student e-mail newsletter.

The Auburn Alumni Association won an Award of Excellence for Auburn Magazine, its quarterly alumni magazine for more than 47,000 members.

Auburn has finished in the top 10 award winners for the past two years. This year's CASE competition had a record 1,286 entries from across the Southeast. CASE, with 3,200 member-institutions nationwide, is the primary association for education professionals in communications and advancement fields. AU is in District III, which represents most colleges and universities and other educational institutions in eight southeastern states.

Meanwhile, AU won four honors in the Annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report. These were a Silver Award for the magazine advertisement, "We're Not Just Another Pretty Face"; Bronze Award for the newsletter "Counselor Chronicle" for the Office of Admissions and Recruitment; Merit Award for the College of Liberal Arts recruiting package; and a Merit Award for the Camp War Eagle orientation guide.

The Admissions Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, 2,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several countries.

Gilbert to present new voting system at meeting in D.C.

Juan Gilbert of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering in AU's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, has been invited to present Prime III, an innovative multimodal voting system, on Thursday in Washington, D.C.

The presentation in the Longworth House Office Building is sponsored by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, a non-partisan research and educational institute whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity internationally. A second voting system, Punchscan, will also be presented.

Prime III is a secure electronic voting system that combines security, trust and ease of use.