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Hoping for an early Spring.....

I know all about the groundhog and his shadow but personally I've had about enough of the cold weather and all the other little "joys" the Winter in New Jersey brings. I'm hoping for an early Spring.

However, with the official arrival of spring on March 20th also comes fall and summer registration, which begins on April 6 for seniors.

I recently had an opportunity, as part of my duties as CIM Coordinator, to attend the World of Concrete convention in Las Vegas. If you have the opportunity to visit this huge annual show, go---you will enjoy it. The convention is huge with equipment, vendors and training in almost every aspect of the concrete and construction industries. And before you get the wrong idea, I was there to meet with the National Steering Committee for the CIM program which included meeting with the representatives of the other four schools who host CIM programs. As most of these schools

also have CMT or CET programs, I had a really good opportunity to compare notes about our programs. By the way, I don't gamble and never got to a casino. .

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Registration Summer and Fall 2009 Schedule

The fall and summer 2009 schedules will be posted on the NJIT website shortly so that you may begin planning for those semesters.

At the present time there are no plans to run any CET, CMT or CIM courses this summer (with the exception of Co-op). However, some of the other required courses will be running, such as Humanities and Communications courses.

As always, if you are interested in seeing a CET, CMT or CIM course run this summer, you may submit a petition

for a course containing at least 15 names of students who are interested in taking the course. I will submit that request to the Department Chairman for his consideration.

Also, if you are eligible to graduate in January 2010 and a needed CET, CMT or CIMT course is not running, do not panic but contact me so that we can arrange an alternate course for you to take. In most instances some accommodation can be reached so that you can graduate. More information on graduation is shown below.

Instructions for Registration

In order to register you will need to clear any holds that you have on your record. In no particular order, the holds that you will have to address may include:

Bursar Hold – A hold is placed on your schedule for non-payment of fees. This may be anything from late tuition to a library fine. The hold can only be removed by contacting the Bursar in the Registrar's office located in the basement of the parking deck.

Health Hold – This hold is placed on your schedule for your lack of complying with the NJ state law requiring that you demonstrate that you have had all the appropriate immunizations. This information must be on file in the Health Services office located in the Fleischer Gymnasium.

Advisor Hold – This hold is placed on by the Engineering Technology Department and requires you to have your schedule reviewed by your advisor. While the new registration system places a greater burden on you as a student to be

responsible for your academic career, your advisor will serve as a double check of your activities.

In order to satisfy this hold, you will need to either visit my office during my office hours to have me **review** your schedule or you may send it to my by email for approval. For those wishing to come to my office, you are always welcome to do that but I will only be checking your schedule, not creating one for you. If you show up in my office and tell me you don't know what to take, I will politely you give you a copy of your curriculum and send you on your way. You are to determine what courses you want to take and I will review that for you. *I do not create schedules, I review them.* As there are over 200 of you and only 1 of me, this is the only way we can accomplish this.

My office hours this semester are Mondays and Wednesdays between 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Student Chapter of S²C²

If you have looked at the Engineering Technology Department website, you will note that there is a listing for the Student Society of Construction Contractors or S²C². This group was a student chapter of the Association of General Contractors (AGC) and has been dormant for several years due to a lack of student interest. A few students have asked about starting up this club again and I would certainly be interested in doing that again if there is sufficient student interest. Our industrial sponsor for this club is BCANJ and we could plan field trips and socials with industry and any other activity that you'd like to host, again, if there is student interest. If

anyone is interested in participating in this club, please send me an email (wiggins@njit.edu) and I can schedule a kickoff meeting.

Coming "Attractions"

As our program continues to grow, several new courses will begin to be offered. In the Spring, 2009 semester, CMT 436 Temporary Structures for Construction, was offered for the first time as well as CIM 410, Senior Design Project in CIM. The CIM 420 class is the last of the courses to be offered so that we can offer the complete CIM program.

In Fall, 2009 CMT 332, Structures for Construction Management, will be offered after being piloted in Fall 2008. In spring 2010, another new course, CET 436 Construction Failures, will be offered as a technical elective.

If you have an idea for a course or material that you would like to see as part of a new class, please feel free to pass along ideas.

Instructions for Graduation

Just as a reminder, your application for graduation commencement is due in the Registrar's Office on or before the dates shown on the Academic Calendar.

In order to graduate you must first file an Application for Graduation, which can be downloaded from the NJIT webpage, on the Registrar's webpage. The form needs to be completed by the student and signed by your advisor and in the past I have signed these forms upon a student's request, usually at the end of a class or in the hallway prior to class. This is no longer my policy.

Effective immediately, anyone seeking graduation for the following semester shall send a request to Mrs. Randolph for a pre-graduation audit. The email should have the reference "Graduation Audit – Your name". In your email you should indicate your name, your student ID and the program that you are graduating from, CET or CMT. You may attach the Application for Graduation to the email if you wish.

At that point an internal department check of your records will occur and I will then either sign off on your graduation application or advise you of what you need to complete before I do so.

Whether you are planning to graduate in either the January or May graduations, the best time to do this is during the summer. This is because there is still time to register now before the Fall semester and get into any courses that you didn't realize you needed. There is little time to do this in January as the time between the fall and spring semesters is very short.

BS/MS Program

In case you weren't aware of it, NJIT offers a BS/MS program to its students. This allows an undergraduate to take 2 graduate courses as part of their undergraduate program and have the graduate courses count for both undergraduate and graduate credit.

If you have decided that you will be coming back for a Master's degree, which I strongly encourage you to do (and will keep encouraging you to do), this is a good way to start. For our students the most popular MS degree

programs are either the MSCE, for CET students, and MSEM for CET, CMT and CIM students. The main difference between the two programs is a function of what you expect your career path to be. Both are fine programs and offer some interesting information.

These are not the only programs but the most common ones followed by our students in recent years. You are certainly able to pursue a graduate degree at any other institution based on the recognition of NJIT name on your degree.

Scholarship Information

We are coming to that point in the year where certain scholarships will be offered for the Fall Semester. As that information becomes available I will

attempt to post on the bulletin board outside my office or notify all who may be eligible by email. Please feel free to check the board from time to time. CIM students should be particularly aware as several new scholarship opportunities will become available to you for the fall.

Internship Information

The kickoff meeting for the BCANJ Summer Intern Program was held on Monday, February 23, 2009. Applications are available from Prof. Wiggins and are due back by March 6, 2009. No exceptions.

Upcoming Events

- March 16-20, 2009 – Spring Break
- March 30, 2009 – Last day to Withdraw
- April 6, 2009 – Fall and Summer registration begins for Seniors
- April 10, 2009 – Good Friday – University Closed
- May 5, 2009 - Last Day of Classes – Follow a Friday Schedule
- May 7-13, 2009 - Final Exam Period
- May 14, 2009 – Grades Due
- May 16, 2009 – Commencement, Prudential Center