

Board of Trustees
Washtenaw Community College

ACTION

4800 E. Huron River Drive
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Subject
Approval of 2020 – 21 Faculty Sabbaticals

Date
June 23, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the attached requested 2020-21 Faculty Sabbatical Leaves as submitted.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN

Prepared by: Dr. Kimberly Hurns

Title: Vice President of Instruction

Recommended by: *Rose B. Bellanca Ed.D.*

Rose B. Bellanca, President

Summaries for Recommended Sabbatical Leave Requests

(from Jessica Hale, *Sabbatical Leave Summaries Memorandum, March 31, 2020*)

Ingrid Ankerson: Digital Media Arts, Fall 2020

Ingrid proposes creating a letterpress printing studio for personal professional development and to support the growth of WCC's graphic design students. She plans to research how letterpress studios are being used to engage students and faculty at higher education institutions including the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University. In addition to creating a letterpress studio, she also hopes to use this time to develop an exhibit of her own creative work and volunteer for educational organizations as a means of staying up-to-date on the latest software, design trends, and workflow processes in graphic design. For Ingrid, this sabbatical will provide an opportunity to "create new and exciting design work," strengthen her professional connections, and improve her skills as a graphic designer. Beyond the communications required by the sabbatical guidelines, Ingrid will share her work with the college through photographs displayed on campus and an event hosted at the letterpress studio. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Ernesto Querijero: English and College Readiness, Winter 2021

Ernesto's proposes to conduct literacy outreach in Michigan and the Philippines. He plans to develop literacy programming and provide literacy resources to identified book deserts through book drives partnering with elementary schools in Flint, Inkster, and Metro Detroit as well as Baler Central School in the Philippines and Aurora State College of Technology. He will use his sabbatical to grow professionally, increasing his understanding of literacy in underprivileged and disadvantaged populations. This work will improve his efficacy as a developmental writing instructor by helping him bridge cultural and socioeconomic divides. Ernesto plans to share his work with through presentations and a narrative blog. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Khaled Mansour: CSIT, Winter 2021

During his sabbatical, Khaled will be performing scholarly/professional services internationally through the Fulbright Fellowship program at the University of Jordan. As a part of his participation in this prestigious program, he will teach computer science at the University of Jordan while also engaging with his international partners developing skills for working with diverse student populations, learning international instructional techniques, and gaining knowledge about new discipline-specific course offerings and technologies. Khaled plans to use this experience to inform his classroom instruction and hopes to enhance the CIST program by communicating his findings. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Melina Roberts: Nursing, Winter 2021

Melina hopes to research exercise programs embedded in nursing curricula. According to her preliminary research, exercise programs are being introduced into nursing preparation programs to address poor overall health among nurses and “reduce stress and increase academic performance” among nursing students. Melina plans to conduct site visits and phone interviews at institutions with existing exercise programs, consult with exercise physiologists, explore the costs of equipment associated with these programs, and research techniques to measure student outcomes. Her goal is to improve the health of the profession as a whole and specifically, help WCC’s nursing students. Her findings and recommendations will be shared through a KALPA session as well as the required channels. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.