What an honor it is to serve as the Interim Director of CUTR. Many thanks to everyone for your support with special appreciation to the two Steve’s (Reich and Polzin) for all their extra efforts and guidance. Also, kudos to the CUTR administrative group for their continual hard work, well over and above what anyone would expect.

It’s been a fast paced month and much has been accomplished. Over the last month, we transitioned to Steve Reich taking over the helm of the Automated Vehicle Institute [http://www.automatedvehicleinstitute.org/](http://www.automatedvehicleinstitute.org/) Exciting times are ahead for the Institute as we look to form new or expanded relationships with the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA), Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for developing research and demonstration projects.

We will be meeting with Dean Perez very soon to discuss next year’s base budget, which includes funding from the College through Education and General (E&G) funds, as well as indirect return and rollover funds. We are seeking a stronger model for consistent and long-term funding, and will be exploring all options available to us as a Center.

CUTR continues to grow and prosper. We should all be proud of what we accomplish on a daily basis. Be proud of your work, your family, yourself. As Interim, I’m here to help guide us along in the months ahead and with all your help I’m sure they will be productive and exciting times. — Dennis

**WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES**

Christine Yo graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations; she is working on the motorcycle safety project with Dr. Siwong Jang.

Erin McCarthy has a Bachelors of Science in Parks, Recreation & Tourism from the University of Florida and is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) expected graduation of May 2014. She is working on the Walking School Bus Program with is part of the Safe Routes to School initiative. She is working with Jason Jackman.

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April Anniversaries

Sara Hendricks — 22 yrs
Martin Catala — 20 yrs
Steve Bovino — 4 yr
Joan Pino — 4 yr
Tram Pham — 2 yrs
Patricia Lipkin — 2 yrs
**OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD**

The Outstanding Staff Award program offers three different award types: individual awards, team awards and the student success award.

This year, the College of Engineering had nominations for two categories: the Individual award category as well as the Team award category.

Ken Short is the recipient of the **2013 College of Engineering Outstanding Staff Individual Award**. Janet Gillis, Marcy Kornfeld, and Ryan Wakefield are the recipients of the **2013 College of Engineering Outstanding Staff Team Award**. Congratulations!

Ken Short is the Director of Business Services for CUTR. In this role he supports a variety of duties. Ken leads a diverse team of purchasing, travel, administrative, computer services, and accounting professionals for CUTR. His nominators have indicated it is without reservation that Ken “merits recognition for his sustained contributions.”

Janet Gillis, Marcy Kornfeld, and Ryan Wakefield support the Communications and Marketing Department in the college. As one of the nominators wrote, “this self-driven team is successful because it serves as a one-stop shop for marketing, communications, and event planning for the college...Their professionalism, outstanding design of products, and helpful and positive attitude, makes working with their department a pleasure.”

**NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES**

Lucas Cruse has been appointed to the TRB Pedestrians Committee (ANF10) with a three year term starting April 2014. He is the official USF representative to the Hillsborough County MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). He has completed his certification as a Cycling Savvy Instructor, which is a program that teaches bicycle handling and traffic cycling skills.

Joel Volinski presented findings from research he conducted through NCTR and TCRP dealing with maintaining transit effectiveness under tight fiscal constraints at the Southeast Regional UTC Conference hosted by Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, Georgia on March 24, 2014. He was also a featured speaker on a webinar sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association entitled “Forward Thinking on Transit Revenue: Expanding the Agency’s Options during Good (and not so good) Times” on April 1, 2014.

**QUIET QUALITY NOMINATIONS — DEADLINE FOR MAY IS TOMORROW—APRIL 15, 2014**

Do you work with someone who goes above and beyond? Are they a staff member? Nominate them for a **Quiet Quality Award**. The nomination process is very simple and will only take a few minutes of your time.

Just go to: [http://usfweb2.usf.edu/usps/qqa.html](http://usfweb2.usf.edu/usps/qqa.html), click on create a new nomination. This award is for “Staff” (formerly USPS) employees only and does not include “Administrative” or “Temporary/OPS” employees.

Members of the Staff Morale/QQA committee evaluate the nominees based on the nomination form submitted. Please be sure to write something in each box and then click “submit” when you are finished. Letters of support are optional but prove very helpful to the evaluators.
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18  Graduate Transportation Seminar, CUT202, 12:00 pm — last one until the Fall semester
April 20  Easter Day
April 20-26  Administrative Professionals Week
April 22  CUTR Staff Meeting, CUT102, 9:00 am
April 22  Earth Day

CUTR WEBCASTS AT 12:00 PM

April 17  OneBusAway Multi-region — Rapidly Expanding Mobile Transit Apps to New Cities, Sean Barbeau, Ph.D. Principle Mobile Software Architect for R & D at CUTR

May 1  The Impact of Implementing a Contactless Smart Card System on Miami Dade Transit and its Customers, CUTR Research Associates: William Morris and Ann Joslin

Please e-mail Stephanie Lewis, if you would be interested in presenting on: June 12, or June 26.

HOW WALKABLE IS YOUR COMMUNITY?

Walkability Day Tampa Bay Partners with Florida Department of Health, Partners in Obesity Prevention, City of Tampa, and CUTR — Saturday, May 3

“Walkability” is the measure of how friendly an area is for walking.

To get started, pick a place to walk, like the route to school or a friend’s house.

Visit website: http://partnersinobesityprevention.com/walkability-day/ and watch the safety video and print and review the checklist. GO WALK! As you walk, check off items and note the locations. At the end of your walk, rate each question, then add up the numbers to see how your walk overall.

The checklist information will be evaluated by CUTR, which will create a report for city and county officials as a reference for future planning.

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 4/11/14 to 4/24/14
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, 4/22@ 10am

Pay period 4/25/14 to 5/8/14 AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, May 6, at 10 am

Alma Mater Days
SHOW YOUR ALMA MATER PRIDE: Wear your favorite college t-shirt, sweatshirt, and the like (must display the College’s logo or name) the first Friday of every month. Friendly banter on performance of affiliated sports teams or alumni news is also highly encouraged. If you want to add a banner or anything to your door, that’s great too. Dress code restrictions on sleeveless shirts, shorts or sandals will remain enforced. Jeans can, of course, be worn (with a reminder that a voluntary contribution ($1) is appreciated).

GO BULLS!!!
Alma Mater Days:

- June 6
- July 11
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5
NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS

Project  SGEF: Smart Parking Guidance System
Sponsor  USF Office of Sustainability
PI(s)    Hendricks/Winters/Hinebaugh
Value    $95,956

Project  TBEST Technical Support Services Upgrades Training FY 2014
Sponsor  Fla Dept of Transportation
PI(s)    Polzin/Mistretta
Value    $43,365

Project  Demonstration to Promote Motorcycle Helmet Use
Sponsor  Fla Dept of Transportation
PI(s)    Lee/Larsson
Value    $682,426

Project  Observational Survey of Motorcyclist Behaviors
Sponsor  Fla Dept of Transportation
PI(s)    Lee/Lin
Value    $100,000

Project  Motorcycle Anti-Speeding Campaign
Sponsor  Fla Dept of Transportation
PI(s)    Lee/Larsson
Value    $300,000

Project  Fl Statewide Trans Demand Management Clearinghouse PGI
Sponsor  Fla Dept of Transportation
PI(s)    Winters
Value    $3,000

NEED TO SUBMIT TO CUTR CONNECTIONS?
If you have information that you would like to share and include in the monthly issue
of the CUTRConnections—CUTR Employee Newsletter, please send an email with the
information to Grace Hunt.