



## SAIC Cyber Security Cohort Program Kick-Off



SAIC and NYU-Poly participated in a historic kick-off in Columbia, MD on May 14th to celebrate their unique cyber security collaboration. NYU-Poly will be offering online Master's degrees in Cyber Security to more than 600 SAIC employees over the next several years. Robert Giesler, Vice President of Cyber Programs for SAIC, was in attendance as well as several other SAIC senior executives to witness the beginning of this unusual relationship, valued at approximately \$20 million over the next few years. SAIC's Matt McDonald, Vice President, Cyber Security, spoke to the first of many SAIC cohorts comprised of 20 employees from various departments. He welcomed them into the highly selective program.

NYU-Poly's Prof. Nasir Memon also addressed the students and briefly explained the program and its expectations. Professors Lok Yan and Joel Wein of NYU-Poly launched their courses to eager students on the same weekend at SAIC's Columbia site. It was apparent to all that the opportunity to be part of such an initiative was greatly appreciated by SAIC cohort employees selected for the program. SAIC's Ed Timmes, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Manager, Intelligence and Information Solutions; Maureen Foley, Assistant Vice President, Learning and Development Manager; and Mary Pietanza Senior Manager of Learning Alliances, were also in attendance, along with NYU-Poly's Robert Ubell, Jay VanDerwerken, Marlene Leekang, and Lilana Avery.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Enterprise Learning Board Meeting (see below for details)**
- **Faculty Oversight Board Meeting (see below for details)**
- **NYU-ePoly Faculty Colloquium (see below for details)**

SAIC/NYU-Poly's first MS Cyber Security Class



## ***Enterprise Learning Board Meeting***

**Date:** October 1st, 2010

**Time:** 11am-2pm

**Location:** NYU-Poly

Board members will receive detailed information as the date approaches. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Relations Manager, Marlene Leekang at [MLeekang@poly.edu](mailto:MLeekang@poly.edu)

**[Link to Enterprise Learning Board Members](#)**

## ***Faculty Oversight Board Meeting***

**Date:** November 5th, 2010

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** NYU-Poly

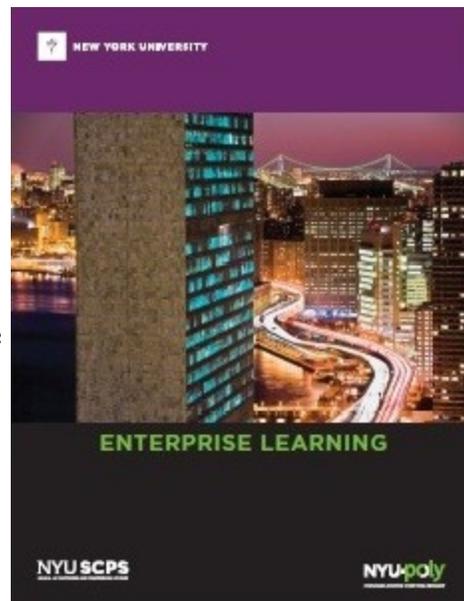
If you have any suggestions for agenda items, please submit to the Director of Online Learning, Lilana Avery:

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**[Link to Faculty Oversight Board Members](#)**

## **NYU-Poly Collaborates with SCPS in Corporate Marketing**

In its first inter-school marketing collaboration, NYU-Poly recently signed a joint marketing agreement with NYU's School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) to offer graduate programs from both school's online and on-site programs to corporate clients. The first catalog is expected to be off press at the end of September or early October. Poly's Enterprise Learning staff will be responsible for sales to local and global companies, while SCPS is in charge of designing and printing the catalog and mounting the website.



## **Poly Gets Sloan Foundation Grant to Study Corporate eLearning**

NYU-Poly Enterprise Learning received a Sloan Foundation grant recently to hold three focus groups with Fortune 500 participants to investigate corporate e-learning—how are corporations introducing e-learning and what are their expectations over the next few years in terms of corporate training and tuition reimbursement for employees who earn degrees at colleges and universities. The first focus group of about a dozen key executives will be held at Poly this spring, followed by two others at Stanford University and the University of Michigan.



## *NYU-ePoly Faculty Colloquium*

**Date: October 11th, 2010**

**Time: 11am**

**Location: NYU-Poly**

The colloquium is a forum for training, exchanging ideas, and colleague feedback regarding implementations in online and corporate learning at NYU-Poly. If you have any suggestions for agenda items, please submit to the Director of Online Learning, Lilana Avery:

## **NYU-ePoly Faculty Oversight Board**

In January 2010, NYU-ePoly created the Faculty Oversight Board to oversee policies and direction of NYU-ePoly. Members of the Board include these distinguished scholars—NYU-Poly Provost Dianne Rekow, who serves as chair: Computer Science and Engineering Department Head Keith Ross: Electrical and Computer Engineering Professors I-Tai Lu and Yao Wang: Computer Science and as chair: Computer Science and Engineering Department Head Keith Ross: Electrical and Computer Engineering Professors I-Tai Lu and Yao Wang: Computer Science and Engineering Professor Nasir Memon; Technology Management Chair, Bharat Rao: and Enterprise Learning Vice President Robert Ubell. The Board meets regularly in bimonthly sessions. Its website, at <http://www.poly.edu/academics/online/nyu-epoly/oversight-board>, provides information on the Board's members and meetings. The seven-member Board was created to provide guidance to NYU-ePoly, faculty, students, and staff aiming to achieve the highest quality in online education.



[Provost Dianne Rekow](#)

## **NYU-ePoly and Enterprise Learning Evolution**

### **Technology**

NYU-ePoly has grown and evolved with new technology and a number of other changes.

We began by introducing Blackboard 9 as the school's sole, university-wide learning management system for online learning. Blackboard 9 provides leading-edge technology for delivering exemplary online and blended education. Faculty who teach online are all trained to use Blackboard 9.



Questions or concerns regarding this newsletter, please contact Marlene Leekang—  
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## **New Staff**

New staff members have been appointed this year. Marlene Leekang, Business Relations Manager, assists and implements corporate and society clients; Jay VanDerwerken, Managing Director for Business Development, acquires new corporate accounts; and Lilana Avery is the Director, Online Learning, managing online courses and faculty development. Together with Crystal Chavis, Student Success Manager, NYU-ePoly brings a wealth of talent and enthusiasm to ensure a positive learning experience.

## **Faculty Development**

NYU-ePoly hosted its first Colloquium covering the migration from eCollege to Blackboard 9 early this year. The aim of the event was to create a forum for NYU-ePoly faculty to exchange strategies and techniques for teaching online. The next Colloquium will be held this fall. The Colloquium brought together Blackboard instructors to share their experiences, solutions, and best practices.