Academic Work Life Compatibility: The New University WorkLife Office

Friday, April 1, 8:00am – 1:00pm
Kellogg Center, Lincoln and Red Cedar Rooms (lunch)
(Continental Breakfast and registration at 8:00am; program begins at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided)

The intended audience for this program is deans, chairs, directors and executive managers. If you are interested in participating and fall outside of the groups listed, please email leaders@msu.edu [1] and we will try to accommodate your request.

Program Facilitator:
Dr. Barbara Roberts, Executive Director, WorkLife Office and Senior Advisor to the Provost, MSU

Introduction:
June Pierce Youatt, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, MSU

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Brad Harrington, Executive Director, Boston College Center for Work and Family

Panel Moderator:
Dr. Ann Austin, Program Director, Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation and Professor of Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education, MSU

Panelists:
Dr. Elizabeth Simmons, Dean, Lyman Briggs College, MSU
Silvia Dimma, Chief Human Resources Officer, MSUFCU
Dr. Isis Settles, Associate Professor, Psychology, MSU

Presenter:
Dr. Sandra Gahn, Associate Director, Office of Institutional Research, University of Iowa

Current research in the field of work life confirms that changing demographics of both faculty and staff and emerging workplace issues are pushing us to look differently at policies and practices affecting all employees. Key changes point to compelling questions about how to manage both work and personal lives while contributing productively in our fields. This half-day symposium will feature an introduction to the background, current context and impact of work life strategies, followed by a panel discussion of implementation with a variety of populations and workplace settings. Research on the
costs and benefits of flexibility policies will be presented, followed by a networking lunch which will include a description of the new WorkLife Office at MSU.