Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family.

With two more weeks before final exams, it is the right time to review SIU policy regarding final exams. The final exam period is scheduled based on the meeting time and days of a course listed in the schedule. Faculty should plan to hold final examinations in your regularly scheduled classrooms. Classes that meet less than the entire semester should hold their exams during the last regularly scheduled class session prior to the formal final examination week. It is a policy of the University that no final examination be given prior to the scheduled final examination period, and that students be given their examinations at the designated times. Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the Dean of the College. Sunday, December 13, 2015 is a “Reading Period” or “Study Session” prior to final exams. Campus facilities, tutoring, and other campus resources will be open to students during this time. This will be a reserved time period for studying and preparing. Final exams will begin Monday, December 14 through Friday, December 18, 2015.

Final examinations can be a frustrating and exhausting experience for students not properly prepared. Please share the following “Final Exam Preparation Tips” with students, where appropriate.

1. Create a Study Schedule: Set up a realistic schedule for studying. Be sure that it allows enough time to study for each exam. Be sure to allow enough time to sleep, exercise, and eat well.
2. Review Previous Tests: Tests that have been returned over the semester can be a good resource when preparing for the final exam.
3. Review Text and Notes: Look to see how previous tests used the material in the text and in the notes. Review course notes and outline major categories and subcategories.
4. Form Study Groups: Assign each person in the study group a section of the course to review and “teach” to the others. Each person should develop possible test questions to cover their section.
5. Seek Academic Coaching: The SIU Center for Learning Support Services provides various services, including academic coaching, in the Tutoring Center, Morris Library room 710. Academic coaching is a holistic approach to study skills, time management, organizational skills, and test anxiety reduction. Coaches help students with all their courses, and refer them to tutors if
more intense help is needed for specific problems in a course. Please refer students to the web page [http://tutoring.siu.edu/](http://tutoring.siu.edu/) for more information.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- Please join me in recognizing and congratulating the following 2015 Teacher of the Year Award recipients from individual departments and schools:

1. School of Architecture (SOA):

   2015 SOA NTT Teacher of the Year: **Judy Huyck**, Lecturer of Fashion Design and Merchandising.

   Research Interests: Sustainable fashion design, using hemp and bamboo in upscale fashion, teaching sustainability was a means of changing the fashion industry.

   Course Taught: FDM 111 Fashion Production I; FDM 112 Fashion Production II; FDM 121 Fashion Illustration; FDM 172 Visual Communications; FDM 251 Flat Pattern; FDM 281 Promotional Strategies

2. School of Allied Health (SAH):

   2015 SAH T/T Teacher of the Year: **Dr. Sandra Collins**, Associate Professor and Program Director of Health Care Management (HCM)

   Research Interests: Human Resources Aspects and Leadership Development in HCM

   Courses Taught: HCM 420 Health Care Ethics, Coding and Compliance; HCM 390 Human Resources and Labor Relations in Health Care; HCM 460 Lean Six Sigma in Health Care.
2015 SAH NTT Teacher of the Year:  
**Tim Davis**  
Clinical Instructor of Physical Therapist Assistant  
Courses Taught: PTH 123A Physical Agent I Theory; PHT 123B Physical Agent I Application; PTH 207 Human Anatomy; PTH 204 Practicum I; PTH 212A Physical Rehab Theory; PTH 212B Physical Rehab Application; AH 105 Medical Terminology; and AH 241 Intro into Physiology and Anatomy.

3. School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT):  

2015 ISAT NTT Teacher of the Year:  
**Edward Workman**  
Senior Lecturer of Information Systems Technologies  
Courses Taught: ISAT 120 Fiscal Aspects of ASA I; ISAT 365 Data Apps and Interpretation; and ISAT 366 Apps Technical Communication.

4. Department of Automotive Technology (AUT):  

2015 AUT T/TT Teacher of the Year:  
**Eugene Talley**  
Associate Professor of Automotive Technology  
Research Interests: Heating and Air Conditioning Systems; Manual Transmissions and Drivetrains; Engine Management; Drivability and Emissions Diagnosis; etc.  
Courses Taught: AUTO 215 Automotive Braking Systems; AUTO 216 Suspension & Steering Systems; AUTO 280 Auto Air Cond Systems; AUTO 485 Warranty Admin & Cust Relation.
| 2015 AUT NTT Teacher of the Year: Neil Black Assistant Instructor of Automotive Technology Research Interests: Electrical Principles; Manual Drivetrains; Powertrain Electronics, etc. Courses Taught: AUTO 120 Auto Electrical Principles; and AUTO 170 Auto Powertrain Electronics. |

| 5. Department of Aviation Technologies (AVT): |

| 2015 AVT T/TT Teacher of the Year: Donald Bartlett Assistant Professor of Aviation Technologies Courses Taught: AVT 213 Ignition Systems; AVT 316 Jet Propulsion Power Plant; AVT 380 Aerospace Supply Chain Logistics; and AVT 416 Advanced Propulsion Systems. |

| 2015 AVT NTT Teacher of the Year: Thomas Roy Lecture of Aviation Technologies Courses Taught: AVT 110 Aircraft Structures; and AVT 112 Aircraft Electricity. |

| 6. Department of Aviation Management and Flight (AVMAF): |

| 2015 AVMAF T/TT Teacher of the Year: Steven Goetz Assistant Professor of Aviation Management and Flight Courses Taught: AVM 303 Intro to Aviation Mgmt; AVM 371 Aviation Industry Regulation |
2015 AVMAF NTT Teacher of the Year:  
Adrian Krupa  
Executive Transportation Pilot, Senior Lecturer of Aviation Management and Flight  
Courses Taught: Assisted as transport pilot for the Executive Transportation Program.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students and the programs in our College. Your excellent contributions have made an impression on your colleagues who honor you with these awards. Congratulations!

- Dr. Sam Chung, Professor and Director of School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT), Tom Imboden, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies, and Dr. Heewon Yang, Chair of Department of Health Education and Recreation, have submitted an NSF ITEST (Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers) grant proposal to NSF on November 13, 2015 with two high school collaborative partners – Carbondale Community High School (Daniel Booth, Principal) in Carbondale, IL and Clover Park High School (Tim Stults, Principal) in Lakewood, WA. The proposal titled “IT Study Group Intervention for High School (ITSGI4HS)” focuses on design, development, and implementation of an Information Technology intervention program for high school students through afterschool and out-of-school settings. Congratulations!

- Dr. Sam Chung, Professor and Director of School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT), received travel support to attend the 16th KOCSEA Technical Symposium at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont from December 9-10. KOCSEA stands for Korean Computer Scientists and Engineers Association. Dr. Chung will present his research in DevOPs (Development + Operations) for Server-Side Web Application Development. After his presentation, he will visit our off-campus program at San Diego, CA, and meet Program/Student Advisor Shabonne Tripp to discuss the EST military off-campus program and any possible new program demand. Congratulations!

- The Dental Hygiene (DH) Program and the SIU Health Service co-sponsored a public health outreach event 1 Day Stand on Thursday, Nov 19th, which was a great success. More than 200 packets of toothbrushes, toothpaste and 1 Day Stand cards were distributed at the Student Center during the event. The Facebook posts and Tweets were “liked” by the national Tobacco Free College Campus Initiative and some other college health centers across the country. It was a good learning experience for our students including awareness of apps, tweeting health messages, virtual outreach, etc. Our DH students engaged most people who walked by and had good “mini talks” with several people who wanted to help a friend or loved one to quit smoking. A few smokers stopped to talk and said they would check out the apps. Dr. Joan Davis, Professor of Dental Hygiene, and Brianna Sinche, Wellness Coordinator of Student Health Services, organized this successful event on campus. Congratulations!

- The University recently received a $50,000 GeoAlliance grant to help fund the installation of a highly energy efficient and environmentally friendly geothermal heat pump heating and cooling
system for a portion of the Transportation Education Center (TEC). Geothermal heat pump systems use the earth’s natural energy and that’s why they are so efficient and so inexpensive to operate. During cooling months, the buildup of heat and humidity from inside a building is transferred into the earth through tubing in the ground. During the heating months the process is reversed. There is no combustion with a geothermal heating system, but a modest amount of electricity is used to operate the circulating pumps, fans, controls and compressor, which along with the heat exchangers are the major components of the geothermal heat pump. The projected annual cost savings for this portion of TEC is $9,700. More information is available here. Congratulations!

- The RME proposal from the Fire Service Management (FSM) to change its name to Public Safety Management was approved by the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee (UEPC) of the Faculty Senate. The proposal will now go to the Senate floor and be open for a full Senate discussion on December 8th, 2015. Congratulations!

AD STAFF MEETING
The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 9:00am - 11:30am in the Dean’s Conference Room. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Welcome, open forum, and Dean’s Update
2. Enrollment Targets for Fall 2016 Revisited
3. CASA Winter Potluck Event on December 11, 2015
4. Round Table Discussion and Other Business

If you have any specific items that you feel the Administrative Staff should consider at the meeting, please send me your suggestions before 1:00pm Tuesday, 12/1/2015. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION VISIT
Illinois State Secretary of Education Beth Purvis and Niketa Brar, the Director of Post-Secondary Education, visited the Transportation Education Center (TEC) on Tuesday, November 24, 2015.

Ms. Purvis has an extensive background in education and most previously was the CEO of Chicago International Charter Schools. Prior to that, Purvis was an assistant professor of special education and associate director of the Child and Family Development Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was appointed by Governor Rauner earlier this year as Secretary of Education to “create for Illinois families a more coherent and cohesive system of education from cradle to career.”

Ms. Purvis and Ms. Brar spent 55 minutes in the Transportation Education Center (TEC). Mike Behrmann, Mike Burgener, and John Voges introduced all our programs and laboratory at TEC.
EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS 2015
Dr. Nancy Martin, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies, and Dr. Andrey Soares, Assistant Professor of Information Systems Technologies, hosted an Android App Workshop for the Expanding Your Horizons 2015 Conference from 10:45am to 11:45am on Saturday, November 14, 2015 in CASA C112C. Eleven junior high school girls learned “Build Your Own Mobile App with App Inventor” with the support of two faculty and one undergraduate assistant.
PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION

The SIUC Faculty Senate has established a task force for academic program prioritization. The work of the Senate’s Task Force is to be guided by the Faculty Senate’s resolution on Academic Prioritization, available at: http://facultysenate.siu.edu/_common/agenda-attachment/10-20-15-resolution-on-academic-program-prioritization.pdf. The charge is to identify “criteria, metrics, weighting of said criteria, and trial analysis of one or two academic programs.” Below is a list of members of this Faculty Senate Program Prioritization Task Force:

- Gary Apgar, Associate Professor of Animal Science, Food, & Nutrition, College of Agricultural Sciences.
- Sandra Collins, Associate Professor of Health Care Management, College of Applied Sciences and Arts.
- Judy Davie, Associate Professor of Biochem and Molecular Biology, School of Medicine.
- William Drennan, Associate Professor of Law, School of Law.
- Sarah Lewison, Associate Professor of Radio, TV, & Digital Media, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.
- Michael May, Associate Professor of Couns, Quan. Methods, & Special Education, College of Education and Human Services.
- Aldo Migone, Professor of Physics, College of Science.
- Marcus Odom, Professor of Accountancy, College of Business.
- Natasha Zaretsky, Associate Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts.
- Amy Boren, Senior Lecturer of Plant, Soil, & Ag Systems, College of Agricultural Sciences.
- Darla Karnes, Senior Lecturer of Accountancy, College of Business.
- Peggy Wilken, Assistant Clinical Professor of Health Education & Recreation, College of Education and Human Services.
- Linda McCabe Smith, Diversity representative.

Dr. Sandy Collins is the representative of our College serving on this task force. The Graduate Council has a similar task force, and Richard McKinnies, Associate Professor of Radiologic Sciences, is representing CASA on that task force. Please contact Dr. Collins, Professor McKinnies, or me if at any time you have questions or concerns about the program prioritization process.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- Monday, November 30, 2015: 11:00am, UAV/Drones Use on Campus Meeting, AH BCR.
- Tuesday, December 1, 2015: 10:00am-12:00pm, Deans’ Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 5:00pm, international development meeting.
- Wednesday, December 2, 2015: 9:00am - 11:30am, Ad Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room.
- Thursday, December 3, 2015: 8:00am - 10:00am, Graduate Council Meeting, SSB 150-160.
- Friday, December 4, 2015: ABET accreditation visit.

AND FINALLY …

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send me an email at my SIU email awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of somebody who might be interested in receiving the CASA Dean’s MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. On the other hand, if you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean’s MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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