Dear Colleagues,

The 2016 Applied Sciences and Arts Multidisciplinary Research Symposium will take place on October 14th and 15th, 2016 at the Transportation Education Center. CASA is proud to host and sponsor this two-day Symposium to empower, engage, and inspire faculty and students in the areas of applied sciences and arts. Please plan to attend this Symposium to learn about cutting edge research and emerging technologies. The Symposium will highlight the work of researchers from southern Illinois and across the nation, who are respected experts in the field of applied sciences and arts.

As you know, CASA consists of a diverse range of programs – transportation, architecture and design, allied health, and information systems and applied technologies – which all center on the tangible application of knowledge and technology in the world. As such, this year the Symposium theme is *Emerging Technologies: Innovation in the Applied Sciences and Arts*, highlighting the emerging technologies that will or have served as a catalyst for progress, change, and evolution in our disciplines. Faculty and students in these areas are actively engaged in research motivated by a wide array of practical needs. In 2016, the Symposium seeks to reveal the role technology is playing in this research and in the development of our environment. We will also have opportunities for the presentation of exceptional work that falls outside the scope of the Symposium theme, especially with regard to projects that are led by or that engage students.

The Symposium is open to faculty, professionals, and students from any discipline, university, or professional organization. This year we are accepting proposals for oral presentations, panel discussions, and workshops that will provide opportunities for students, researchers, and practitioners to discuss current and emerging areas related to applied sciences and arts. This year, we are modifying the submission process. All initial proposals will be submitted as a 300-400 word abstract. Authors of accepted abstracts will then have the option of submitting a full paper for an additional double-blind peer review. Top papers will be published in the *Journal of Applied Sciences and Arts* while the rest of the accepted papers will be published online in the Symposium Proceedings (the 2015 Symposium Proceedings available here). As we have in the past, we are also hosting a student poster competition to provide a forum for students actively engaged in research or significant course projects to present their work to a jury of esteemed educators and professionals. Top posters will be awarded monetary prizes.

We are open to any thoughtful interpretations or reinterpretations of the conference theme as it applies to these fields:

- **Allied Health** | Dental Hygiene, Health Care Management and Administration, Mortuary Science and Funeral Service, Radiologic Sciences, Physical Therapy, and Health Informatics
- **Transportation** | Automotive Technology, Aviation Management and Flight, and Aviation Technologies

The submission and registration will be up and running soon and the abstract proposals for all submissions (except student poster proposals) are due no later than Friday, May 27th, 2016. Student poster proposals are due no later than Friday, July 29th, 2016.

The ASA Research Symposium has doubled in size in the past two years and we are hoping for more growth and a broader reach and impact in 2016. We hope to have you join us in October. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your department representative on the CASA Symposium Committee or either of the Symposium co-chairs: Chad Schwartz (chad.schwartz@siu.edu) or Karen Johnson (ksulliva@siu.edu).

HONORS DAY

CASA’s Honors Day Ceremony will be held at the Transportation Education Center (TEC) Multipurpose Room on Saturday, April 9, 2016 beginning at 3:30pm. Prior to our CASA event, the University-wide program will be held at 1:30 p.m. with light refreshments in the Student Center’s International Lounge. The Student Center program will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a welcome from Chancellor Colwell, as well as special remarks from our one of our 2016 Outstanding Teachers, Dr. Christina Linda Lyons, Senior Lecturer in the Department of English. The College of Applied Sciences and Arts will begin the College ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the TEC immediately following the SIU Student Center event.

The CASA Honors Day Committee and I cordially invite you to attend the 2016 CASA Honors Day ceremony. 507 CASA students have received an invitation to be recognized at this year’s ceremony, which will be held in the Transportation Education Center (TEC) at 3:30 pm on Saturday, April 9. Guest speakers include SAH Associate Professor Richard McKinnies, 2016 recipient of the E.J. & Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award, and Paula Staab-Polk, 2016 recipient of the CASA Distinguished Alumni Award. We hope you’ll join us on this important day!

CONGRATULATIONS

- The SIU Extern Ceremony was held on March 29, 2016, and CASA had the largest class of extern participants with 28 students completing the one-week professional development experience over Spring Break (March 14 – 18, 2016). From the following table you can see that SIU had a total of 104 externs this year and CASA took 27% of the total extern positions!

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Thank you to Dr. **Becky Robinson**, CASA Recruitment and Communication Specialist, for coordinating this effort and thank you to the many others from CASA Programs who helped with interviews and recruiting high quality sponsors from our alumni nationwide to serve as host sites. Congratulations to all!

- From March 31 - April 1, 2016, **Mike Robertson**, Associate Professor of Aviation Flight, **Matt Romero**, Assistant Professor of Aviation Management, and Dr. **Jose R. Ruiz**, Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Aviation Management and Flight (AVMAF), hosted the second annual SIU Aviation Safety Management Systems (SMS) Workshop. The two-day workshop was specifically designed to guide airports in the development and implementation of SMS - one of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) leading aviation safety initiatives. Participants included representatives from Wilmington International Airport, NC; Gerald R. Ford International Airport, MI; Tampa International Airport, FL; Washington Dulles International Airport; Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; St. Louis Downtown Airport, MO; Williamson County Regional Airport, IL, and students of the AVMAF Department. Attendants received instructions in Organizational Safety Culture, SMS Program Development, Safety Risk Management, and measuring safety performance in the airport environment. Over the last eight years, SMS has played a major role in the AVMAF Department’s research agenda and classroom curriculum. Congratulations! Three photographs are attached regarding this SAS Workshop below:
Congratulations and special thanks to Dental Hygiene juniors Natasha Dempsey and Brittany Hanelt for the planning and execution of a scholarship banquet on Saturday, April 2, 2016! Jackie Blackburn received the first foundation award established by Marilyn Paulk family. Sara Malanowski received SIDS scholarship presented by Dr. Jonathon Burton. Jordan Beth O’Donnell received the SIDHS Award presented by Associate Professor Jennifer Sherry. Emerita faculty Mrs. Sherri Lukes and Dr. Ronda DeMattei joined in the banquet and celebration. All of the SADHA officers received certificates of appreciation for their services along with Dr. Charla Lautar and Ms. Colleen Torphy as co-advisors of the RSO. Congratulations to all of the award and scholarship winners, and to those recognized for academic achievement!

The picture below shows Angie Paulk Atema with her sister Lynn Paulk Rinehart and recipient Jacqueline Blackburn at the SIU Dental Hygiene Spring Banquet.
• **Sam Hennig**, junior Dental Hygiene student, will be presenting a poster in the Student Center on Monday, April 4th. The public viewing is 1:00pm - 3:00pm today. If you get a chance, stop by and see it. It is in the "Social Science" section and the title is "Dental Implications of the Affordable Care Act." It is part of being an Undergraduate Research Rookie. Dr. **Charla J. Lautar**, Professor of Dental Hygiene, is his faculty advisor and mentor. Congratulations!

• The picture below shows Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago (middle), First Deputy Commissioner Richard Ford (left), and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Neilson, all holding “Saluki Pride” t-shirts and showing their support to SIUC.

• Below is a picture of the SIU Public Safety Management program table at the Las Vegas Metro Police Department University Day event. SIU will become part of the Southern Nevada Higher Education Consortium. It is made up of other schools and agencies that are in the Las Vegas metro area. Some of those schools are UNLV, Arizona State, American Military, and Western Governor's. Congratulations!
AD STAFF MEETING

The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 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. Budget Information and New Budget Cut Exercises
3. College Online Development Initiative
4. Summer Model and Schedule Discussion
5. 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, 4/5/2016. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

CASA PHOTO SHOOT April 4 – 8, 2016

Please be prepared for photos which may be taken in your classes and labs the week of April 4 – 8, 2016, as part of the SIU Fall Campaign photo project. We are trying to capture new pictures of faculty and students engaged in learning exercises and appreciate the support of CASA faculty as SIU photographer Rusty Bailey and Becky Robinson, Recruitment and Communications Specialist, visit different CASA classes throughout the week. If you have ideas for photo shoots please contact Becky at (618) 534-8103 at any time.

CORRECTION

In the last MMU, I left off Rachel Lee from Aviation Technologies and Michelle Parker-Clark from Aviation Management and Flight, and a student from Fashion Design off the participant list during the SIU Open House event on Friday, March 25, 2016. I apologize for this oversight.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
• Monday, April 4, 2016: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Tenure/Promotion Workshop for Deans and Chairs/Directors, Library 752-754.
• Tuesday, April 5, 2016: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
• Wednesday, April 6, 2016: 9:00am - 11:30am, CASA Administrative Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room.
• Thursday, April 7, 2016: 8:00am - 10:00am, Graduate Council Meeting, SSB Room 150.
• Friday, April 8, 2016: Noon - 1:15pm, CASA Board of Counselors Luncheon, TEC; 1:30pm - 4:30pm, CASA Board of Counselors Meeting, TEC 126A.
• Saturday, April 9, 2016: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, CASA Honors Day Ceremony, Transportation Education Center (TEC) Multipurpose Room.

AND FINALLY …

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to my SIU email awang@siu.edu; or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone 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. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean’s MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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