Dear Colleagues,

This Saturday, May 14, 2016, we will celebrate the accomplishments of 2,852 students who will receive degrees at the Spring Commencement, including 1,943 candidates for bachelor’s degrees, 645 candidates for master’s degrees, 126 candidates for doctoral degrees, 91 law degree candidates, and 47 candidates for associate degrees. Three separate commencement ceremonies, 9:00am, 1:30pm, and 5:30pm, will be held at the SIU Arena for undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The 5:30pm ceremony is for College of Applied Sciences and Arts, College of Engineering, and College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. Former astronaut and alumna Joan E. Higginbotham is the commencement speaker, and she will receive the honorary degree, Doctor of Aerospace Science. Charles N. Wheeler III, director of the Public Affairs Reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, will receive a distinguished service award. Joan E. Higginbotham earned her bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1987. NASA recruited Higginbotham, a Chicago native, during her senior year at SIU Carbondale. She spent 20 years with NASA, starting as a payload electrical engineer. She served as a mission specialist aboard Space Shuttle Discovery during a 12-day STS-116 mission to the International Space Station in December 2006. She is the first known Saluki and third African-American woman to fly aboard a space shuttle and logged more than 308 hours on Discovery. After leaving NASA, Higginbotham served as vice president of business development and worldwide production with Marathon Oil. In 2011, she started working for Lowe’s Corp., based in North Carolina, where she is now director of supplier diversity. In 1997, she received the University’s Distinguished Service Award, and was the 2007 Homecoming parade grand marshal.

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM CFP

The 2016 Applied Sciences and Arts Multidisciplinary Research Symposium will take place on October 14th and 15th, 2016 at the Transportation Education Center. Submission and registration are open now. Please note the abstract proposals for all submissions (except student poster proposals) are due no later than Friday, May 27, 2016. Student poster proposals are due no later than Friday, July 29, 2016. The submission website is at: http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/asars/.

JASA CFP

CASA would like to announce a Call for Papers for the forthcoming issue of the Journal of Applied Sciences and Arts [JASA], the peer-reviewed journal of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts at
Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The JASA focuses on publishing use-driven research and creative outcomes from the wide variety of professions that make up the applied sciences and arts, including, but not limited to: the allied health professions, architecture and design, automotive and aviation technology, aviation management, and information systems and applied technologies. We are equally interested in manuscripts that engage the professional and academic realms and encourage papers based on collaborative and multidisciplinary efforts.

The next submission deadline for the journal is **July 15th, 2016**. More information about deadlines, formatting, and other requirements can be found in the attached flyer and on the JASA’s website: [http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/jasa/](http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/jasa/)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- Fire Service Management (FSM) had a re-accreditation site visit on January 8 - 11, 2016. The Degree Assembly Board of Governors (DABOG) reviewed the site team’s report and voted on April 29, 2016. Our Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Management (FSM) and Master of Science in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management degree programs both were re-accredited from 2016 to 2021 by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Congratulations!

Mr. **Gary Kistner**, Program Coordinator and Director of Fire Service Management (FSM), now the Public Safety Management (PSM) program, provided a copy of the re-accreditation certificate:
Dr. Mark Rivero (right in the picture below), Public Safety Management Programs Coordinator, was at the annual IFSAC (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) meeting on April 29, 2016 to receive our reaccreditation certificate:

Congratulations again!

- Dr. Seung-Hee Lee, Associate Professor of Fashion Design & Merchandising, had a 2016 summer research proposal titled “Perception of Time, Creative Attitudes, and Adoption of Innovations” recommended for funding by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Congratulations!

- Mr. Mike F. Robertson, Associate Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, had a 2016 summer research proposal titled “Status of Safety Management Systems Implementation for Flight Training Providers” recommended for funding by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Congratulations!

- Mr. Sean Michael Boyle, Associate Professor of Automotive Technology, had a 2016 summer research proposal titled “Measuring Baseline Data for Linear Solenoids Used in Late-Model Automatic Transmissions” recommended for funding by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Congratulations!
Ms. Karen Martin, Director of Development for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, started her current position on Monday, February 8th, 2016. Within a short period of three months, Karen has been quite successful! We just received two major gifts last week. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Martin for her outstanding efforts in raising funds to help our short term goal to raise at least $300,000 in gifts and pledges by June 30, 2016 that will be used to help add ADS-B to the SIU aircraft fleet. The SIU Chancellor’s and Provost’s offices have generously agreed to match all gifts made by June 30, 2016, on a dollar-to-dollar basis. Congratulations!

At their May 5th meeting, the SIU Board of Trustees approved promotions in academic rank and tenure for 57 faculty members effective with the 2016-17 academic year. Three faculty members from CASA are:

- Bryan Harrison, tenured associate professor, Aviation Management and Flight
- Seung-Hee Lee, tenured professor, School of Architecture
- Andrey Soares, tenured associate professor, Information Systems and Applied Technologies

Congratulations!

On May 5, 2016, the SIU Board of Trustees presented the awards to Jon D. Davey and Jan Thompson during its regular meeting. Davey, a professor in architectural studies and interior design, received the Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award; Thompson, a professor in radio, television, and digital media, received the Sturgis award for professional achievement. Congratulations!

(Text by Pete Rosenbery, and Photo by Russell Bailey)
HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED

Having a professor who provides true support and a rewarding learning experience as an undergraduate can lead to lifelong success. Gallup and Purdue University surveyed 30,000 college graduates about their campus experiences. The report found graduates were more than twice as likely to be engaged with their work when their professors acted as:

- A mentor;
- Someone who excited them about learning; and
- Someone who encouraged them to work toward their goals.

The trend held true across all graduation years. How supported students feel while in school is "a career- and life-trajectory game changer," says Brandon Busteed, Gallup Education's executive director.

Despite its significant effect, only 14% of respondents said they felt supported in all three ways, and just 22% said they had a mentor in school. The survey also found the odds of being engaged at work doubled if graduates, while still in school, had taken part in experiential learning, such as interning, participating in extracurricular activities, and finishing a long-term project. Only 6% of respondents said they participated in all three — and just 29% said they completed an internship or job that allowed them to apply classroom knowledge.


BUDGETING, PLANNING, AND SUPPORT STAFF MEETING

The Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 10:00am - 12:00pm in the Dean’s Conference Room. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Welcome and Update
2. Ad Staff Meeting Report
3. Summer Schedule and Budget Reduction Update
4. Payroll Update and End of Year Closeout
5. Inventory Update and Car/Vehicle Issues
6. Important Deadlines and Due Dates
7. Other Business, Good News

If you have any specific items that you feel the Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff should consider at the meeting, please send Mary Nemetsky (mnemet@siu.edu) your suggestions before 1:00pm Tuesday, 5/10/2016.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- Monday, May 9, 2016: Summer Teaching and AY 2016-17 Workload Assignment.
- Tuesday, May 10, 2016: 10:00am - 12:30pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
• Wednesday, May 11, 2016: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room.
• Thursday, May 12, 2016: Spring Advisor Day.
• Friday, May 13, 2016: 4:45pm, Check in Academic Excellence Reception; 5:30pm, Academic Excellence Ceremony, Student Center Ballroom D; 6:00pm, Forever SIU.
• Saturday, May 14, 2016: Commencement: 5:30pm, CASA, COE, and MCMA.

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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