Dear Colleagues,

As we start the 2016-2017 academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other members of the CASA community to the new academic year. I trust that you all have had a very happy and restful summer break and that you are ready to embrace the new academic year with all its challenges and new activities.

Please come to the College Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, August 17th, at 10:00am in the Multipurpose Conference Room of the Transportation Education Center (TEC). The meeting will feature welcoming remarks by Interim Chancellor Colwell, a report by Associate Dean Shaw, a State of the College report by Dean Wang, and department/school introductions and updates by Chairs and Directors. Refreshments will be served.

As Chancellor Colwell mentioned in his message to the SIUC community on August 1st, 2016, we are facing significant financial challenges as we await word on state appropriations. The “stopgap” funding approved by the state legislature earlier this year was used to cover salary expenses for FY16 that have already been incurred. We are in the second month of FY17 without a state budget. The 10% permanent College budget reduction at the beginning of FY17 had a profound impact on the operation of the College, so the leadership team of CASA has set up two strategic goals in this new academic year in order to maintain our academic excellence and to continue our success:

1. Develop resources to support College operation and growth; and
2. Promote diversity and inclusivity.

To meet the first goal, we will enhance our off-campus and online programs to better serve our students. Also it is important to develop resources through fundraising, grants, and contracts. Faculty can be enormously helpful in fundraising. Alumni often give because they were treated well by a particular faculty member. So I may ask you to join me in developing case statements, identifying prospects, and visiting donors. As usual, the College strongly supports faculty research and encourages faculty to seek external grants. The new summer research guidelines will include a grant-seeking effort as one of the criteria for funding.

During its meeting in July, the BOT unanimously adopted a framework for system-wide diversity and inclusion initiatives. CASA is creating a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion in the College. To achieve this goal, we are conducting a study that will provide further insights into our diversity and inclusion issues. The College is interested in any suggestions you might have regarding what we can do to build a more inclusive environment. More information will be shared regarding this initiative during our College kick-off meeting this Wednesday.

I know that this will be another exciting academic year. During the Weeks of Welcome (WOW), students are encouraged to attend programs and events that allow them to connect with peers, faculty and staff.
New Salukis move-in starts Thursday, August 18th; New Student Convocation is on Friday, August 19th, 6:00pm-6:45pm in SIU Arena; and the Watermelon Fest is on Sunday, August 21st 2:00pm - 4:00pm in front of Morris Library. The College Connection event in CASA is 4:30pm - 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 24th on the west side of CASA Building. The School of Architecture is also hosting a College Connection event at Quigley Hall from 4:00-6:00pm. Special barbecues and welcome events are also being planned at the TEC for Transportation students. I am looking forward to meeting many more CASA students along with faculty and staff, at our gatherings and will continue to seek your opinions and ideas. I look forward to working with you on a shared quest to make CASA an even more distinguished and distinctive college with a deep commitment to academic excellence and student success.

Thank you for all you’ve done to bring us this far and for the contributions you will continue to make during this new academic year.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Dr. **Seung-Hee Lee**, Professor of Fashion Design and Merchandising, has recently received the Best Paper Award at an International Conference SOItmC & CSCOM in San Jose, CA (May 31-June 3, 2016). The title of the paper is "Perception of Time, Creative attitudes, and adoption of innovations: Comparing Chinese and US College students". Co-authors are Jane Workman and Kwangho Jung. The paper is selected at the special journal issue of *Sustainability* (SSCI Journal). Congratulations!

- Dr. **Joan M. Davis**, Professor of Dental Hygiene, was awarded a 2nd Fulbright Scholar Specialist grant April - May 2016. During this time she was working on several projects, including
  - Worked with the **University of Szeged’s** (Hungary) Dental and Medical School administration and faculty to assess and develop strategies to harmonize their existing curriculum with European competencies;
  - Worked with the Chair of Periodontics to move forward the newly developed baccalaureate dental hygiene program (the first formal dental hygiene program in Hungary);
  - Created a strong working relationship with the Chair of Behavioral Health to integrate tobacco treatment into the medical school curriculum through curriculum and faculty development; and
  - Awarded the position of *Visiting Professor*, invited to return May 2017.
Dr. Davis has a number of recent published articles and peer-reviewed presentations:

- LeNoue, S., Patrounova, V., Davis, J.M. (March, 2016). *How marijuana legalization is shaping tomorrow*. A panel presentation at the meeting of the American Dental Education Association, Denver, CO.

Congratulations!

- **Dr. Jon D. Davey**, Professor of Architecture, has been hosting the Kids Architecture summer camp for more than 25 years. This summer, Dr. Davey organized an architecture camp in Guangzhou, which was a very successful pilot project in China. Congratulations!
• **Dr. Michael L. Grey**, Associate Professor of Radiological Sciences, has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists on June 24th, 2016. Fewer than 200 people have achieved this designation in the organization that has 153,000 members. He also published a co-authored book “Imaging for the Health Care Practitioner,” McGraw-Hill Education, 2016. ISBN: 978--0-07-181839-1. Congratulations!

• **Dr. Nancy Martin**, and Dr. **Andrey Soares**, Associate Professors of Information Systems Technologies (IST), have a book chapter and a journal publication forthcoming:
  o Dr. Nancy L. Martin and Dr. Andrey Soares, Associate Professors of Information Systems Technologies, have a paper entitled "Organizing an App Inventor Summer Camp for Middle School Girls: What the Experts Don’t Tell You" accepted for publication in the Information Systems Education Journal (ISEDJ), Vol.14, 2016

Congratulations!

• **Mr. Norm Lach**, Associate Professor and Architectural Studies Program Director, was selected to serve on Illinois Architecture Licensing Board. He recently attended the 2016 Licensing Advisors Summit (August 5-6 2016) in Chicago. Congratulations!
• Dr. Andrey Soares, Associate Professors of Information Systems Technologies (IST), received an NLM/NIH postdoctoral fellowship in the Computational Bioscience (CompBio) Program in the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver, and he will take an educational leave from August 1, 2016 to August 15, 2017 at Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO to gain research and hands-on experience in the development of decision support systems to support predictions and treatment recommendations in the area of health/medical informatics, and that explore data science and analytics techniques. Congratulations!

• Dr. Craig Anz, Associate Professor of Architecture, is taking an education leave from August 1, 2016 to August 15, 2017, serving on a term basis as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Associate Professor) at the School of the Arts with Virginia Commonwealth University in Doha, Qatar. Dr. Anz will pursue the opportunity to continue his research on urban design and various associated methodologies while establishing relationships with new colleagues in Qatar and the surrounding area. This work will benefit not only the School, but the College, and SIU as well. Congratulations!

• Mike Robertson, Associate Professor of Aviation Flight, has been selected to receive the 2016 John K. Lauber Safety Award from the University Aviation Association. The Lauber Award is granted each year for an achievement in aviation safety. This achievement must demonstrate clear advancement of aviation safety by an individual or an organization. The advancement could be a singular event or a continual effort over several years. Due to the nature of aviation safety, nominees for the award are not limited to any specific sector or division of the aviation community and all areas are eligible and welcome to participate in recognizing advancements in aviation safety. The award is made each year in honor of John K. Lauber, a pioneer in the field of aviation safety and human factors. Congratulations!

• Dr. Walter Wendler, retired Professor and Director of Architecture, has been named President of West Texas A&M University. Congratulations!

• The 2016 Scholarship Program sponsored by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) Educational & Research Foundation recently named the recipients of its 2016 grants. Within the total of 90 scholarships, 16 are from SIU Public Safety Management (PSM, Formerly Fire Service Management) program. Each of the following PSM students was awarded $1,000 IFCA Foundation scholarship: Charles J. Buschick, Richard J. Campbell, Rich W. Cassady, Richard T. Dahleen, Phillip P. Donohue, Justin C. Dusek, Gerald R. Gilligan, Daniel F. Gorton, Todd W. Monahan, Jennifer Schulz, James A. Sheldon, Matthew R. Shronts, and Michael D. Wessel. Congratulations!

• The Radiation Therapy program in the School of Allied Health has experienced a 100% pass rate on their ARRT certification boards for the graduating class of 2016. Below are the statistics from the 2016 ARRT registry of our SIUC students.
  - 30 individuals graduated from the AAS Radiography Program.
  - 30 individuals took the national exam.
28 individuals passed the national exam the first time = 93.3% pass rate with an 84.9 total mean score. Our percentile rank is 60!

Of the two individuals that failed the first time, one has taken the exam again and passed.

The other individual has changed majors.

To put this in perspective, the last time SIUC’s pass rate was in the 90s was in 2012. FYI, the national pass rates for the following years are as follows: 2013 was 76.3%, 2014 was 71.4% and 2015 was 73%.

This is a great accomplishment and exemplifies the hard work and dedication of our faculty and students. Congratulations!

- One of our dosimetry students, Cody Helderman, received a $2,500 scholarship from the AAMD (American Association of Medical Dosimetrists) Education and Research Foundation Scholarship Award. Another dosimetry student, Jamie Christ, scored the highest in a national medical dosimetry plan challenge among students from all programs across the nation. Congratulations!

- SIU’s online Master of Architecture has been ranked #4 on the list of Best Values in online education in architecture at http://www.collegevaluesonline.com/rankings/architecture-degree-online-top-values/

  If you look at the list, numbers 1-3 are not professional degrees in architecture. They are degrees in community development, interior design, and sustainable design. This means the SIU program is the highest ranked professional degree on this list. Congratulations!

- Brooke Martin, currently a student in the online Master of Architecture program at SIU Carbondale, was selected as a runner-up in the international design competition PlayHouzz 2016! The competition was co-sponsored by Houzz and the American Institute of Architects. There were 415 entries from all over the world. You may view her design drawings here: http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/64552841/thumbs/playhouzz.

  Congratulations to Brooke!

- The Dental Hygiene program hosted the 6th annual “Give Adults a Smile Day” on Friday, July 8, 2016. On Saturday, July 9, 2016, the Dental Hygiene program also hosted the inaugural "Give Veterans a Smile Day" event. It was an opportunity to give back to the residents of southern Illinois free preventive dental services (exams, cleanings, x-rays and fluoride treatments). These patients are uninsured, on a fixed income, or are covered by adult Medicaid (Adult day) and are Veterans who do not have dental insurance. Thanks to Jennifer Sherry and all faculty, staff, and students who were involved in this community service project, and congratulations on the tremendous success of these events!
- Aaliyah Anderson, MSFS, has been selected to receive the Funeral Home Studies Scholarship from the Mid-America Transplant Foundation following a competitive application and review process. This $1,000 scholarship is for the 2016-2017 academic year. Congratulations!

- The Dental Hygiene program participated the Illinois Mission of Mercy Event on July 15 - 16, 2016. Along with traveling to numerous health departments, schools, head start offices and seeing patients at our own clinic, a group of staff and students traveled to Collinsville, IL to volunteer at the Illinois Mission of Mercy Event July 15th and 16th. Dr. Wyatt, Natalie Richardson, Amy Stacey and Stacey McKinney volunteered with 14 students up to 12 hours both Friday and Saturday. The students worked continuously in the sterilization area as well as assisted with hygienists and dentists from all over the state. The event provided $1,076,532 worth of treatment; including 1,971 cleanings, 1,475 extractions, 1,011 restorations, 104 root canals, and 95 partial dentures. Congratulations!

(Purple shirts are providers, green are volunteers and yellow is translator)
• Ten (10) Dental Hygiene (DH) senior students, including Colleen Torphy, participated in Team Smile with the Chicago Bears. The program has many NFL, college and NBL teams and other organizations participating throughout the year. Congratulations!

• Thanks to Dental Hygiene (DH) Senior Vanna Mouser for taking the lead in the recycling program sponsored by Colgate. The photo below is her presenting the check ($100) written to the Wildlife Rehab. DH faculty and students also participated in Carbondale Clean & Green / Keep Carbondale Beautiful program. They provided about $7,700 worth of free preventive services for the two-day event. Some patients will be returning to AP clinic in the fall. Congratulations!
AD STAFF MEETING

The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 9:00am - 10:00am in the TEC 126A Meeting Room. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Welcome, Open Forum, and Dean’s Update
2. Fall 2016 Weeks of Welcome Events
3. Fall 2016 Kick-Off Meetings
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, 8/16/2016. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

DOE PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON DE EDUCATION

On July 25, 2016, the United States Department of Education (DOE) released a set of proposed federal regulations pertaining to distance education (DE).

- An institution offering distance education or correspondence courses must be authorized by each State in which the institution enrolls students, if such authorization is required by the State.
- Require an institution to document the State process for resolving complaints from students enrolled in programs offered through distance education or correspondence courses.
- An institution must provide public and individualized disclosures to enrolled and prospective students regarding its programs offered solely through distance education or correspondence courses.
- An additional location or branch campus located in a foreign location must be authorized by an appropriate government agency of the country where the additional location or branch campus is located and, if at least half of an educational program can be completed at the location or branch campus, be approved by the institution’s accrediting agency and be reported to the State where the institution’s main campus is located.

WORST WAY TO START THE SEMESTER
Professor Kevin Gannon at Grand View University argues that it is the absolute worst way to begin a semester by a “Syllabus Day” as your first day of class, i.e., the professor hands out the syllabus, go through it in 10-15 minutes’ worth of housekeeping stuff, and then turn students loose until the course really starts later in the week. His suggestion is: Don’t treat your first class of the term as Syllabus Day. For more details, please read at: https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1498-the-absolute-worst-way-to-start-the-semester?cid=wc&utm_source=wc&utm_medium=en&elqTrackId=1b2784a42d2340ceb70996cb66f1f600&elq=58c8a7e03aa44ff4b78af24a86989460&elqaid=10156&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3786.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- Monday, August 15, 2016: Kick-off week starts
- Tuesday, August 16, 2016: 1:00pm - 4:30pm, Aviation Flight Program in-service training kick-off, TEC Multipurpose Room.
- Wednesday, August 17, 2016: 9:00am - 10:00pm, Add Staff Meeting, TEC 126A; 10:00am - 11:00am, CASA AY 2016-2017 Kick-Off Meeting, TEC Multipurpose Room.
- Thursday, August 18, 2016: 9:00am-10:00am, R&D Meeting, TEC 126A; 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Aviation BBQ Welcome, TEC Multi-purpose Room; 5:00pm - 6:30pm, AUT LLC Welcome, TEC AUT Lab; LLC welcome events 4:30-6:30pm Warren Hall for SAH/ISAT.
- Friday, August 19, 2016: 5:30pm, Faculty members line up in the Tedrick Auditorium; 6:00pm, New Student Convocation, SIU Arena.

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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