

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

Monday, September 5, 2016 (Labor Day)

Dear Colleagues,

Hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is not just one day off or an unofficial end of summer. We celebrate this day to reflect on America's labor movement leading to what we enjoy today, like the 40-hour workweek, overtime pay, minimum wage, safer workplaces, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare, and retirement plans. As President Obama said in his letter to America's hardworking men and women on Sunday, all of that progress is stamped with the Union label; and it's all fueled by a simple belief that our economy works better when it works for everybody.

On Thursday, September 1st, CASA was well represented at the Community College Counselors Conference and met with dozens of community college representatives over a two-day period to increase opportunities for engagement with articulations and on-campus learning experiences. Thank you to our Chairs/Directors, Recruitment & Communication Specialist, academic advisors, faculty and staff who participated in this important event.

This week, CASA will participate in the 2016-2017 High School Counselor Articulation Conference which will be held on September 8, 2016 to provide updates on each state university to the area high school counselors. All efforts will be geared toward increasing relationships with high school and community college counselors, faculty, and students throughout the year. The official NACAC recruitment cycle for Fall 2017 prospective students runs now through November 2016. CASA will be actively engaging with high school and community college partners to increase recruitment activities on all fronts, including scheduling a series of classroom engagements with faculty and students aimed at increasing awareness and interest in CASA degree programs which can help identify high quality student prospects.

The first few weeks of a semester is important for new students as well as continuing students. For the FTFY (first time first year) new freshmen, the first few weeks of college are a crucial time to get acclimated and get into a groove and feel comfortable in the new environment. A new student will need to navigate the transition from high school to college, to meet new people, to get involved on campus, and to cope with the inevitable stresses of college life. For continuing students, this is a critical time to engage in every course-study what they have selected toward a degree. According to a research report [Erin D. Velez, America's College Drop-Out Epidemic: Understanding the College Drop-Out Population, 2014], over 40% of full time four-year college students fail to earn a bachelor's degree within six years, and many never complete their education. The percentage of full-time students at four-year institutions who complete a bachelor's degree in four years is only 37.9%, and the completion rate after six years is only 58.3%. At CASA we know the importance of not only the first few weeks, but also of the four critical stages of a semester for all students on campus. That is why we have established a "**NEAT**" *Initiative* focusing on four stages during the semester, namely, (1) the first week No-Coverage or No-Show reporting; (2) the fourth week engagement reporting; (3) the mid-term grade reporting; and (4) the end of semester assessment.

THE CASA “NEAT” INITIATIVE

Our academic accomplishments at SIUC are best achieved through collaborative team approaches and communicative action geared toward fostering student success. In order to further productive retention efforts within our programs, as well as lead to better student achievements in the long run, faculty need to report to the unit advisors those students who can be determined ‘at risk’ or potentially at risk of not fulfilling their requirements for their classes. If you know a student is not performing at the level they should be, discuss it respectfully with the student, encourage them to meet with their advisors, and also share your general concerns with your unit advisor, chair or director, to the best benefit of the student.

The fundamental information to be supplied to the advisor is simply the facts: the student(s) in question is either missing too many classes and/or is not fulfilling their potential or obligatory assignment requirements to succeed in the class at that point. This can be determined by simple attendance records and/or work-to-date status grades. Take note of behavioral changes or attributes that might convey their particular needs or issues. The unit advisors can then talk to those students in person and advise them of their options. Only then can informed appropriate action be taken.

The Dean’s office is collecting NC-NS (No Coverage – No Show) reports from each department/school. The NC (No-Coverage) report provides a list of courses in the Fall schedule that do not have an instructor to cover the first class. By the end of this week, each department/school will submit an NC report to the Dean’s office. Academic advisors should collect student NS (No-Show) reports.

Please make sure there is no course starting a class without an instructor in the classroom. If a faculty member will not be able to go to his/her class, for any reason, please inform students BEFORE the class time and have a substitute instructor or a makeup plan.

THE CASA ADVANTAGE PROJECT

The *CASA Advantage* project is a co-curricular experience designed to enhance student development beyond the classroom setting, encourage students to engage and network socially with their peers, and to include students in traditional and signature College events. Six (6) *CASA Advantage* events have been planned in the Fall 2016 semester. The *CASA Advantage Series* will allow students to swipe their student IDs to record their attendance to earn co-curricular credit, and pizza/sodas will be offered for the *CASA Advantage* event series. The first *CASA Advantage* event has a keynote speech on “Diversity & Inclusion 101,” presented by Mr. Nathan Stephens, Director of the SIU Center for Inclusive Excellence. The event is in the lower level of Grinnell Hall from 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS

- The Technical Resource Management (TRM) program in the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT) is offering TRM 332-900 Labor Management Relations on John A. Logan College’s (JALC) campus in Carterville. As of Friday, September 2, 2016, the enrollment of this course is eleven (11 students). Considering this is the first offer with short time planning and marketing, this is a successful start. Congratulations to Dr. **John Legier**, Dr. **Sam Chung**, Ms. **Shannon Gwaltney**, and other ISAT faculty and staff on this successful launch of another off-campus program!

- **Jennifer S. Sherry**, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene (SIU DH Class of 1988) and Theresa (Hagene) Seemann, RDH from Red Bud, IL (SIU DH Class of 1989) provided oral cancer evaluations and oral health education as part of a Legislative Senior Health Fair for Senator Kyle McCarter and Representative Charlie Meier. It was a very busy venue and many seniors stopped by the table to receive oral hygiene kits and information about the SIU Dental Hygiene Clinic. This event was part of a multi-city track across southern Illinois. Some of our students and Natalie Richardson, RDH (Dental Sealant Grant Coordinator) attended an event in Carbondale, and Jennifer Sherry attended one in Mt. Vernon this summer. A big thank you to all who were able to help with this important community-based project.



- The Undergraduate Assistantship (UGA) applications for the 2016-2017 academic year have been completed and awards have been issued. I am pleased to announce that the following faculty members have received this award:
 - Dr. **Sandy Collins**, Program Director and Associate Professor of Health Care Management (HCM): one position, 10 hours, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017;
 - Dr. **Joan Mary Davis**, Professor of Dental Hygiene: one position, 10 hours, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017;
 - Mr. **Tom Imboden**, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies: one position, 10 hours, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017; and
 - Dr. **Sam Chung**, Professor and Director of ISAT: one position, 20 hours, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Congratulations! The SIU Undergraduate Assistantship (UGA) provides a wonderful opportunity for our students: (1) to learn about how research and scholarship are conducted in a field of applied sciences and arts; (2) to work under the guidance of a faculty exploring an issue of interest to them and communicate the results to others; (3) to prepare for graduate school or advanced study; and (4) to develop research and presentation skills. Engaging students in research gives them a wealth of additional training beyond the normal classroom learning, such as critical thinking, research ethics, oral and written communication skills, and information literacy. Students and faculty interact closely outside the classroom, providing exceptional opportunities for students to learn and building a lasting relationship between the student and faculty mentor. I commend all faculty who applied for the UGA funding to help support our students. Congratulations again!

- Please join me in congratulating the following two CASA students who have been selected to receive SI Energy Scholarships, in the amount of \$7,000 each, renewable a second year:
 - Courtney Rudloff, Architectural Studies; and
 - Tanna Gillespie, Architectural StudiesCongratulations!

COMMERCIAL DRONES

There will be 600,000 commercial drone aircraft operating in the U.S. within the year as the result of new safety rules that opened the skies to them on Monday, according to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) estimate.

AMBULANCE DRONE

Each year nearly a million people in Europe suffer from cardiac arrest. A mere 8% survive due to slow response times of emergency services. The ambulance-drone is capable of saving lives with an integrated defibrillator. The goal is to improve existing emergency infrastructure with a network of drones. This new type of drone can go over 100 km/h and reaches its destination within 1 minute, which increases chances of survival from 8% to 80%! This drone folds up and becomes a toolbox for all kind of emergency supplies. Future implementations will also serve other use cases such as drowning, diabetes, respiratory issues and traumas. A YouTube video is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-rEI4bezWc>.

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

The Trans States Airlines will fly in with an EMB 145 aircraft and sign a formal partnership agreement with SIU on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Following the signing event, Trans States will provide tours of the EMB 145 and host a pizza luncheon in the TEC Multipurpose Room. After lunch, Trans States will conduct personal interviews for students interested in the Trans States Aviators Program.

The Trans States Airlines Aviators Program is an education-industry partnership program for student pilots enrolled in our aviation program who will continue in a professional pilot training program. Program participants have a clear and defined pathway to the Trans States Airlines flight deck upon completion of ATP minimums. Best of all, program participants who go on to fly for Trans States Airlines are eligible for \$10,000 in tuition reimbursement, as well as recruiting bonuses.

SIU DAY AT DU QUOIN STATE FAIR

On Sunday, August 28, 2016, our College participated in the SIU Day at Du Quoin State Fair. It began at 2:00pm in the VIP Tent. The event provided an opportunity for prospective students to learn about our programs. Thank you to CASA faculty and staff who volunteered to support our SIU Day at the State Fair, including Mike Behrmann and the Automotive Technology students who brought their demonstration car; Mike Burgener, Rachel Lee, and Don Morris and the Aviation Flight and Aviation Technologies students who brought their airplane simulator; Sam Chung, Steven Shih, Shannon Gwaltney, and ISAT students with their laptop displays; Shannon McDonald and Seung-Hee Lee for leading the building block games for youth to build a village; and thank you to Thomas Shaw, Scott Collins, Sandy Collins, Jennifer Sherry, Tim Davis, Brandon Hirsch, Michael Grey, Becky Robinson, David Gilbert, Andrew Croxell, and many CASA students and alums who stopped by to visit. Thank you!







SEMINAR FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

The Dental Hygiene program in the School of Allied Health will host a seminar on the “Current Trends in Preventive Dentistry and Management of the Patient with Special Needs” on October 21, 2016. The key presenter is Lance Lambert, D.D.S. A Continuing Education Unit application has been submitted for approval to award six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEU) for completion of this program.

Morning Session – Management of the Patient with Special Needs

The morning portion of the course will review the special challenges associated with providing care to patients with a variety of special health care needs. We will discuss briefly the common diagnoses likely to be encountered in a general practice and how these impact the provision of dental care. We will also provide you with strategies for managing these concerns so that you can provide care for them. These will include: patients with physical disabilities, developmental and cognitive disabilities, and patients with common complex medical concerns. We will spend time discussing Autism Spectrum Disorder, in an effort to help you understand this increasingly common challenge, and provide some helpful suggestions for managing these patient’s dental needs.

Afternoon Session – Current Trends in Preventative Dentistry

In the afternoon we will address the most current issues in prevention and management of dental caries. We will provide an update on the epidemiology of the disease, and the latest prevention strategies, including infant exams, and medical management of the chronic disease. There will be ample time for group discussion, question and answer.

<http://conferenceservices.siu.edu/conferences/dental-professionals-seminar.html>

SIU EXTENDED CAMPUS SEEKING PROPOSAL

SIU Extended Campus is soliciting proposals for new online programs and courses. The focus will be on funding the creation of online core curriculum courses, professional development sequences, graduate programs and undergraduate programs for delivery as early as the spring 2017 semester. Funding applications for a fall or spring review are due by October 1 or March 1, respectively. The funding of selected proposals is subject to income expectations. Proposals guidelines are available [here](#). Proposals should be submitted electronically to extendedcampus@siu.edu. For more information, contact Mandara Savage, executive director, Extended Campus, at msavage@siu.edu.

“DEGREE WORKS” TRAINING

Training on “Degree Works,” a tool that helps monitor students’ progress toward completing their degrees in four years, is scheduled for later this month. The training sessions for academic advisers, faculty and staff will be in Morris Library, rooms 752-754. The training is from 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 12, and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sept. 13. Seating is limited, so participants are encouraged to register by Thursday, Sept. 8. Contact Kim Little at klittle@business.siu.edu or 453-7956.

“Degree Works” enables students who began classes in the fall of 2012 (or later) to monitor their progress toward degree completion. Students can also run scenarios based on current and future class options to estimate the time needed to earn their degree and to see the effect that changes have on their completion date. The “audits” created by Degree Works are unofficial assessments of a student’s academic record and

are not a replacement for the professional evaluation and guidance provided by academic advisers. However, this new tool allows advisers to quickly perform real-time degree audits as a starting point for evaluating a student's progress and facilitating advisement

VOLLEYBALL GAME

COLLEGE COMPETITION for SIU Volleyball Home Opener – Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm in Davie's gym on SIU campus. Come out to help CASA win the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day challenge by having the largest turnout for this volleyball game. Show your SIU ID and check-in to help us WIN and be recognized at the SIU football game home opener. See you Tuesday (September 6) night!

ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, September 5, 2016: Labor Day Holiday.
- Tuesday, September 6, 2016: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 5:00pm, CASA Advantage #1: Diversity & Inclusion 101, CRN Room ARA. 7:00pm: Saluki Volleyball Home Opener, SIU Davies Gym.
- Wednesday, September 7, 2016: 9:00am - 12:00pm, Ad Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room; 10:00am - 5:00pm, Trans States Airlines Aviators Program event, TEC.
- Thursday, September 8, 2016: 9:00am - 11:00am, Academic Advisement Summer Summit, Morris Library 752/754.
- Friday, September 9, 2016: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Leasing Aircraft Meeting, Anthony Hall Conference Room 311.

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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