CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

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Monday, April 17, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Today, SIU Carbondale is hosting its first freshman New Student Orientation (NSO) for summer and fall 2017 new students. This is a whole-day program for new SIU students and their families and supporters. According to past experience, more than ninety percent of students participating in NSOs will register for courses and eventually become a Saluki. We also discovered that students who attend an NSO often have higher first semester GPAs and a deeper connection to campus. Therefore, NSOs are critical for increasing yield and improving student success. I urge all faculty and staff, especially academic advisors, to help new students as much as you can during today’s NSO program, registering for classes, reserving textbooks, getting a student ID, signing up for housing, finding classrooms and labs, and so on.

The 2017 Saluki Startup is from Wednesday, August 16 to Friday, August 18. The 2017 Weeks of Welcome (WOW) is from Tuesday, August 22 to Saturday, September 9. Carbondale is in the path of a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, the first full day of classes this fall. Classes that day will be canceled but the University will be open. Students are urged to move in early, whether they live on- or off-campus. Faculty members are welcome and encouraged to build eclipse materials into the curriculum that week as appropriate.

RESEARCH FLASH TALK PPT

The first annual CASA Faculty Research Flash Talk is approaching. There are 21 presentations involving 24 faculty presenters. The CASA Research Committee is asking presenters to submit their PowerPoint slides before 5:00pm on Friday, April 21, that is, this Friday!

Please format your PPT slides as 11 x 17 horizontal (landscape) slides. Chad Schwartz sent out a PPT template last week. If you need it again, please feel free to contact him. For consistency, the PPT slides should have a white background, no video or sound, and no slide transitions. Because presenters will have only five minutes, please keep the number of your PPT slides to a minimum.

OPEN HOUSE 4-14-2017

The SIU Open House last Friday brought over 300 students and their families to campus. CASA tables were busy as always—and many students took advantage of Departmental Showcase opportunities in the afternoon hours, as well. A big Thank-You to all our faculty and staff volunteers, as well as our fabulous student ambassadors!

- School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT): Martin Hebel, Nancy Martin, Shannon Gwaltney, Sam Chung.
- School of Allied Health (SAH): Anthony Fleege, Teri McSherry, Colleen Torphy, Quiana Jackson, Roseanne Szekely, Julie Davis, Scott Collins, and student ambassadors.
- School of Architecture (SOA): Laura Kidd, Jasmine Winters, Laura Morthland, Norm Lach, John Dobbins, and student ambassadors.
- Department of Automotive Technology (AUT): Todd Grant, Mike Behrmann, and a student ambassador.
- Department of Aviation Management and Flight (AVMAF) and Department of Aviation Technologies (AVT): Rachel Lee, Mike Burgener, and two student ambassadors.
- Dean’s Office: Elaine Atwood, Thomas Shaw, and Andy Wang.

Congratulations on a successful Open House, the last one in the Student Center! Beginning in July, the Arena is our new Open House venue. Thank you!

Many students and their families stopped by the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT) table, listening to Professor Martin Hebel about the new technologies around “Internet of Things (IoT)” and watching the electronic device with sonar sensors and LED displays (left picture below). The shining trophies (right picture below) earned by the Cyber Security team and Web Development team recently also caught attentions of many open house visitors.
CONGRATULATIONS

- Please join me in congratulating Ms. Cara Doerr, Business Manager II, on being selected to receive the 2017 CASA Service to the College Award! This award is in recognition of an individual employed in administrative professional (AP) or civil service (CS) full-time position in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts who promotes a vision of pride and community from within the College. Award nominees create “a culture where all employees embrace their responsibilities for the recruitment and retention of students, and act as good-will ambassadors” to the College. Such individuals may:
  - Advance the mission of the College and improve workplace morale;
  - Accomplish job duties in an exemplary manner with extensive knowledge and expertise;
  - Improve job and workplace efficiency, productivity, safety and environment; and
  - Support the job performance of other employees.
Ms. Cara Doerr has served as our Business Manager II with professionalism, a strong work ethic, and incredible efficiency. As one nomination letter said, Cara always responds quickly to requests for information, even after normal working hours. She is always prompt, courteous, and provides all of the information needed, from simple to complex matters. Ms. Doerr has instituted a new record keeping system for payroll and fringe benefit reports, which are now kept in electronic form on a College network drive. She has assigned Departmental Activity codes to all Distance Education and LAC accounts for budget keeping purposes. She has taken on a great number of additional responsibilities with the departure of the Accountant II position, which was not filled, in addition to the de-centralization of some Extended Campus business practices. Cara also took over the duties of the AVMAF Accountant II duties between the retirement of Kathy Lloyd and the hiring of Patti Diggle.

Cara’s organizational skills are phenomenal, and her very professional yet personal approach gets things accomplished in areas where needed. She has availed herself to upper administration and has quickly established connections and relationships here that parlay the College into a much better position for conducting business quickly and easily. Cara has been a true asset to this College, and she has proven that she deserves to be recognized by receiving this Service to the College Award. Congratulations!

- **Dr. Nancy Martin**, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), was elected to serve as Faculty Senator representing CASA. Her term is three years starting immediately and ending in April 2020. Congratulations!

It is greatly appreciated that Nancy will contribute her time and efforts to such an important position. The Faculty Senate meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Student Services Building Room 150/160.

- **Celebration of Campus Authors, April 20, 2017**: Please join me in congratulating the following faculty members who will be recognized this Thursday during the SIU annual Authors Day event for their new books:

Congratulations!

- **Robert A. Broomfield**, Allied Health Specialist and Academic Advisor, was helping the “Be The Match” Bone Marrow Registry drive this past Wednesday and Thursday (April 11 and 12, 2017).
This event was sponsored by SIU, Be The Match on Campus, Sigma Phi Sigma Mortuary Science Fraternity, and SIU Athletics. The following Mortuary Science (MSFS) and Health Care Management (HCM) students participated in this event:

- Allison Brettnacher, MSFS;
- Tyra Poindexter, MSFS;
- Nick Vize, MSFS;
- Quintin Miller, MSFS; and
- Alejandro Franchini, HCM.

Alejandro Franchini is Vice Chair of the “Be The Match On Campus.” Mr. Broomfield was featured on WPSD Local 6 and WSIL Local 3 for helping the Bone Marrow registry event last
Tuesday and Wednesday at the SIUC Student Center. “He helps out because it’s personal. He needed a bone marrow donation himself when he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia a few years back,” according to Rachael Krause, a reporter for WPSD.

At its meeting on April 11, 2017, the Faculty Senate approved the RME for a Baccalaureate Completion Specialization in Aviation Maintenance Management online program. The proposed program is designed to offer degree completion to individuals who possess an associate degree or less in the aviation or electronic fields. There are reportedly tens of thousands of graduates of two-year programs employed in the aviation industry that now requires a four-year degree for career advancement. The demand for degree completion in aviation technology is strong and prominent industry leaders/employers have requested such an option be made available. The proposed program will follow a cost-recovery model and not require any additional faculty. This is a program with huge potential to grow. Please join me in congratulating Mike Burgener and Aviation Technologies (AVT) faculty and staff on this successful endeavor!

At its meeting on April 11, 2017, the Faculty Senate approved the RME to add a Minor in Health Information and Informatics Management to the Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management (HCM) in the School of Allied Health (SAH). The Health Information and Informatics Management (HIM) minor is designed to provide current Health Care Management (HCM) students with a specialized course of study that is unique to the field of health care and in an area with high employment potential. The HIM minor has strong support from field executives/employers and the Health Care Management (HCM) program’s External Advisory Board. There was significant faculty support for the new minor, which can be delivered without additional resources and with existing faculty already teaching in the on-campus and off-campus portions of the HCM program. The HIM minor would further differentiate the HCM program as a
leader in health care education. Please join me in congratulating Scott Collins and HCM faculty and staff for this successful endeavor!

- **Zoey Koester**, Interior Design (ID) senior from Chatham, Illinois, has a perfect 4.0 GPA and she has been selected to be CASA Gonfalon Carrier at the upcoming Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Congratulations!

- **Brianna Jones**, Dental Hygiene (DH) Sophomore, was named the Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for the fourth time while at SIU. Brianna performed very well in each game of the weekend, picking up two wins and a save. Her win in the first game of the series was also her second shutout of the season and 12th of her career - already tied for 10th most in SIU history. Congratulations!
• **Duane L. Allen**, CASA alumnus (1989 graduate), has joined the City of Champaign (IL) as the Plans Reviewer in the Building Safety Department. Congratulations!

• **Todd W. Dugan**, graduate assistant for Aviation Management and Flight, has landed a job as Airport Manager of Pekin Municipal Airport. Congratulations!

**AD STAFF MEETING**
The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 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. Update on the New Permanent Budget Reduction
3. Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2017
4. Workload Assignment and Summer Teaching
5. Recruitment and Retention Discussion
6. Round Table Discussion
7. Critical Deadlines 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, 4/18/2017. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION GAME

From SIU News: All University faculty and staff will receive free admission to the Salukis’ baseball game against Belmont at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, at Abe Martin Field.

Faculty and staff will be admitted for free by presenting their SIU ID. Hot dogs and soft drinks are only $2. For more information, visit SIUSalukis.com. Additional tickets may be purchased on the website, or the day of the game at the main gate to Itchy Jones Stadium.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- Monday, April 17, 2017: 9:00am - 4:30pm, New Student Orientation, Student Center and each academic unit.
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017: 10:00am -12:30pm, Deans’ Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017: 8:45am, Chancellor Candidate open forum, Guyon Auditorium; 9:00am -11:30am, CASA Ad Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room.
- Thursday, April 20, 2017: 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Faculty and Staff Excellence Award and Celebration, Morris Library; 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Diversity Conference Unity March, Student Center.
- Friday, April 21, 2017: 2:00pm - 4:30pm, Safe Zone Training, Student Center River Rooms.
- Saturday, April 22, 2017: 8:45am - 4:30pm, United Airlines Aviation Career Day, Transportation Education Center.

AND FINALLY …

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to 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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