

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

Monday, August 31, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

During the past two weeks the University and our College offered a plethora of welcome events including new academic year kick-off meetings in college, schools, and departments, new students and family receptions, new faculty orientation, new student convocation, watermelon festival, and college connection events. One of my great joys of working in a university is experiencing the energy and sense of hope and renewal that occurs at the beginning of each academic year. I could not be more excited about our spectacular students, our fantastic faculty and staff, our vibrant state of the college, and our promising future. Watching a large crowd of new students sitting on Saluki Stadium during the Convocation, I was wondering how could we do a better job to help them succeed in their college life? How does the college further promote student success? How can student success be measured or assessed?

To answer these questions, we have to start with a clear definition of “student success.” What constitutes student success? Webster’s dictionary defines “success” as a “favorable or desired outcome.” In an academic world, one desired outcome is high academic performance - students earn good grades from their courses, complete degree requirements timely, and graduate with good GPAs. However, academic achievement is not the whole picture of student success. In addition to academic excellence, we want our students to have a successful career after their graduation. They will be successful alumni of SIU, and successful professionals in their individual working fields. After all, successful alumni are most likely donating back to their alma mater. Therefore we need to help our students at our best through their course study, career advisement, internship and externship, placement and professional development from the first day of their college life till after their graduation.

The implications of this “career success” as desirable student outcome are significant for our retention and development effort. Many students, especially those first-generation college students, experience difficulties transitioning from high school to college because they are not aware of the expectations placed on them, or they are not equipped with strategies for success on campus. The role of faculty and advisors in the lives of college students and in their ultimate success is essential. Instructors interact with students frequently and are likely to be among the first to notice signs that a student is disengaging from college and at-risk of dropping out. Through our “NEAT” project and taking appropriate intervention action, we can change the course of a student’s life for the better.

As we move into the second week of Fall semester, I’d like to continue to provide you in the following with a list of summer projects and faculty activities in our College that I did not mention in the last MMU:

GIVE ADULTS A SMILE DAY

Dental Hygiene program organized another "Give Adults a Smile Day" on July 10, 2015. It was a fantastic day to give back to those in need in the Southern Illinois region. We had 72 adult patients and about 50 volunteers who provided exams, x-rays and cleanings to those who needed the care. We provided approximately \$11,000 worth of oral health care for free. A big thanks to Jennifer S. Sherry, Faith Miller, Stacey McKinney, and other faculty and volunteers for such a wonderful event. Many businesses and companies supplied products and discounts for this event, and we appreciate their support.

DENTAL SEALANT GRANT PROGRAM

The Dental Sealant Grant Program provided free preventive dental services to children ages 3 to 17 in Cobden, Pinckneyville, Marion, Murphysboro and surrounding areas this summer. Services include exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants performed by senior dental hygiene students. The exam fulfills state requirements for children who will be entering kindergarten, second, and sixth grade this fall.

AVIATION GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Aviation Management and Flight organized the 8th Annual Golf Scramble in Chicago on June 8th, 2015, which was quite a success. The money raised by this event was a record high compared to the past seven events. My thanks to Kevin Lister, John Voges, and David NewMyer for all the work they did to organize and coordinate this event.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

An Agreement was signed with two Monterrey universities in Mexico for collaboration partnerships with the School of Architecture in Architecture and Interior Design. Dr. Wendler, Dr. Gonzalez, Dr. Jon Davey, Professor Melinda LaGarce, and Professor John Dobbins visited Monterrey University and Tecnológico de Monterrey. The visit was reciprocated by the Monterrey University Interior Design faculty.

STUDY ABROAD

Jon Davey, Professor of Architecture, organized a study abroad trip for students from May 15 to June 2nd, 2015. They went to Venice and Rome in Italy and Delphi and Athens in Greece.



CORPORATE FIELD TRIP

Norm Larch, Associate Professor and Architectural Studies Program Director, arranged a tour for the MARC grad students to visit Marvin Windows Corporation and Factory in Warroad MN on June 4-5, 2015. They flew down in the company plane and picked students up. It was a great education trip.



CONGRATULATIONS

- Dr. **Michael Grey**, Associate Professor of Radiologic Sciences and Coordinator of MRI / CT, was invited to present an educational course at the 2015 ASRT Educational Symposium in July 2015: CT003 Sectional Anatomy with Pathologic Correlation: Select Case Studies of the Central Nervous System, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The audience evaluation of his presentation was outstanding. On a 1 - 5 scale with 5 strongest for seven areas of evaluation, Dr. Grey received overall average score of 4.77 and very positive feedback. Ellen Lipmen, Director of Professional Development at American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) wrote a thank-you letter to Michael on behalf of ASRT. Congratulations!

- **Lorelei Ruiz**, Associate Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, and **Steve Goetz**, Assistant Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, have received a grant of \$18,246 from the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) for their “NASA Wings Summer Camp” project conducted this summer. This is the third year of the NASA project, with a total funding received to date \$52,469. Congratulations!
- **Jim Sissom**, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), **Alex Glasnovich**, IST student, has a peer-reviewed paper titled “*A Security Vulnerabilities Analysis of the Apache Big Data Stack and High Performance Computing Technologies*” accepted for presentation at the 55th International Conference of the International Association for Computer Information Systems (IACIS) 2015, October 7 – 10, 2015, at Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key, Clearwater, Florida. The paper has also been conditionally accepted for publication in the issues in the Journal of Computer Information Systems (JCIS), Volume 15. Congratulations!
- **Marcea Walter**, Assistant Professor of Health Care Management, has been added to the Mid-America Health Care Executives Forum (MAHCEF) Diversity Committee. MAHCEF is a Chapter of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE). Congratulations!
- Five IST faculty (**Sam Chung, Tom Imboden, Bell Woodward, Andrey Soares, and Nancy Martin**) have a peer-reviewed panel proposal titled “*Rebirth of IT Degree Program to Create Your Future Again*” at the ACM Special Interest Group for Information Technology Education (SIGITE) 2015, Wednesday, September 30 – Saturday, October 2, 2015, Chicago, IL. Congratulations!
- **Sam Chung**, Professor of Information Systems Technologies, has a peer-reviewed paper titled “*Secure and Smart Media Sharing Based on a Novel Mobile Device-to-Device Communication Framework with Security and Procedures*” at ACM Research in Information Technology (RIIT) 2015, September 30 – October 2, 2015, Chicago, IL. Congratulations!
- **Nancy Martin** and **Tom Imboden**, Associate Professors of IST has a peer-reviewed paper titled “*HIPAA Security Rule Compliance in Small Healthcare Facilities: A Theoretical Framework*” accepted for presentation at the 55th International Conference of the International Association for Computer Information Systems (IACIS 2015), October 7-10 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The paper has also been conditionally accepted for publication in the issues in the Journal of Computer Information Systems (JCIS), Volume 15. Congratulations!
- **Andrey Soares** and **Nancy Martin**, Associate Professors of IST has a peer-reviewed paper titled “*Teaching Introduction to Programming with Game Design and Problem-Based Learning*” accepted for presentation at the 55th International Conference of the International Association for Computer Information Systems (IACIS 2015), October 7-10 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The paper has also been conditionally accepted for publication in the issues in the Journal of Computer Information Systems (JCIS), Volume 15. Congratulations!
- **Sam Chung**, Professor of IST, has a peer-reviewed paper titled “Identifying Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) for DevOps-Aware Server Side Web Application with the Grounded Theory,” at Information Systems Education Conference (ISECON) 2015, Orlando, Florida, on November 5-7, 2015. Congratulations!
- **Nancy Martin** and **Andrey Soares** host a workshop titled “*Build Your Own Mobile App with App Inventor workshop*” at the 25th Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. November 14, 2015. Congratulations!

AD STAFF MEETING

The Administrative Staff will meet on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 9:00am - 11:30am in the Dean's Office. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Welcome, open forum, and Dean's briefing
2. FY 2016 Budget Update
3. Action Plan for AY 2015-16
4. Round Table Discussion and Other Business
5. 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, 9/1/2015. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting at 9:00am - 9:30am.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The 2015 summer issue of our college alumni newsletter is now available at: <http://asa.siu.edu/about/e-newsletter/summer-2015/>.

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

A new session has been added to the second annual ASA Research Symposium, focusing on research in-progress. Interested parties are required to submit a 500 word abstract. The deadline for submissions for this session is Friday, October 2nd. Please see the symposium website at <http://research.asa.siu.edu/symposium/> for more information.

FINAL EXAMS

It is important to include in your syllabi the information about final exams following university policy. All final unit or final examinations must be scheduled the week immediately before commencement: December 14-18 for the Fall 2015 semester. The final exam schedule (day and time) has been set by the University Registrar: <http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/examfall15.pdf>. Except in the most unusual of circumstances, scheduling final exams during the last week of classes is not an option. The policy is intended to ensure that students have time to do their very best work. Finals held the last week of classes often interfere with students' other obligations, such as attending all their classes and completing papers, reports, and projects, which are due in other courses before exam week.

ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, August 31, 2015: Saluki Student Job Fair, 10:00am - 2:00pm, SC Ballrooms.
- Tuesday, September 1, 2015: 8:30am - 10:00pm, DegreeWorks Demo, Guyon Auditorium; 10:00am - 12:00 noon, Deans' Council Meeting, BCR. 5:00pm - 6:30pm, SAH Welcome Event, ASA 14 or outside.
- Wednesday, September 2, 2015: 9:00am - 11:30am, CASA Ad Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.
- Thursday, September 3, 2015: 8:00am - 12:00 noon, Graduate Council Meeting, SSB 150-160; 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Community College Conference, TEC; 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Community College Conference Reception, TEC.
- Friday, September 4, 2015: Movie night for students at SC Auditorium.

AND FINALLY ...

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send me an email at my SIU email awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of somebody who might be

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. On the other hand, if you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean's MMU, please let me know as well. Thank you.

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