

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

Monday, March 7, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

We have entered the ninth month of the current fiscal year (FY 2016) without a state budget or state appropriation to the University. You have heard the recent news reports: Chicago State University has declared financial exigency and may close its doors permanently; the John A. Logan Community College Board of Trustees approved plans to lay off 55 employees, including 35 faculty positions, and eliminate the Dental Hygiene program; Western Illinois University (WIU) will reduce 100 faculty and staff across divisions; and Eastern Illinois University (EIU) recently laid off approximately 200 employees. The lack of a state budget has placed extreme financial pressure on all state higher education providers. In addition, last Wednesday the Illinois House failed to override Governor Bruce Rauner's veto on a bill that would have helped low-income college students through \$396 million for MAP grants and \$324 million to community colleges. Based on Governor Rauner's FY 2017 budget proposal, Illinois public universities will have a 20% cut based off FY 2015 state appropriations. While some universities are less reliant on state money for instance, U of I has only about 11% of its budget from state appropriation, SIU is more reliant on state money, as approximately 50% of our budget derives from state appropriations. Therefore, to brace for the impact of these financial challenges, SIUC academic Colleges were each asked to produce a "what-if" budget scenario based on a 12% budget-cut plan for FY 2017 last week.

Obviously this was an extremely difficult and painful exercise for all Chairs and Directors in our College, because CASA has been growing in its enrollment, retention, and research and creativity for the last four years; while we have also tightened our belts, and experiencing compound budget-cuts each year for the past four years. It is understood: we are no longer able to do more with less. Despite the best efforts of CASA administrators, faculty and staff to meet our obligations, this cycle of continuous funding reduction places significant strains on our day-to-day operations. Vacant positions are left unfilled; the College is hiring fewer tenure-track faculty and seasonal personnel; and our high quality students, as well as our highly-talented faculty, are becoming targets for recruitment by out-of-state schools.

SIUC is the economic driver for the local community and the southern Illinois region, contributing to the quality of life for individuals and the state as a whole. It was reported that the impact on the economy of southern and central Illinois by SIUC is approximately \$1.4 billion, including 17,700 jobs, and \$838 million in personal income paid across 32 counties. Budget cutting is a noteworthy crisis for our college, especially an across-the-board cut which could weaken vital units of instruction. Given it is mostly the effect of insufficient funding over the last four years which has most impacted the ability of our College to effectively implement our mission, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all Chairs and Directors in our College for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence and student success. Their team efforts and collaborative spirit, especially during this budget-cut exercise, are highly appreciated. I also hope the state legislators will soon recognize the difference between higher education and the business world, and work to develop strategies that can bring robust and sustainable funding to the state's higher education system.

JASA HAS A NEW HOME

The peer-reviewed Journal of Applied Sciences and Arts (JASA) now has a new home through OpenSIUC: <http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/jasa/>. All papers published in the first issue are now [available](#)

[online](#). Selected papers from this year's ASA Multidisciplinary Research Symposium (October 14-15) will be published in the next issue of JASA.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Dr. **Andrey Soares**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), has been accepted to the U.S. National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Biomedical Informatics Course. This week-long survey course is designed to familiarize individuals with the application of computer technologies and information science in biomedicine and health science. Topics discussed in the course include: principles of biomedical data representation, standardization of terminology and communication, clinical decision support, mathematical modeling, clinical information systems, genetics/genomics, the use of literature and molecular sequence databases, human computer interaction, imaging informatics, natural language processing, big data, the cloud, public health informatics, and tele-health. All costs for the course including travel, housing, and meals are supported by NLM. The course will provide opportunities for networking with nationally known bioinformatics educators and leaders. Congratulations!

- The School of Architecture hosted its first in a series of Transfer Day events on Friday, March 4, 2016. Before the Transfer Day event, invitations were sent to over 30 community colleges and more than 100 prospective students who had expressed interest in School of Architecture degree programs over the past three years. This event included break-out discussions with each degree program faculty and students; learning laboratories; meetings with alumni and employers; tours by Admissions; and a special guest speaker at the event. The first Transfer Day event had 10 prospective students attend with many more scheduled for future gatherings. We are expecting more successful recruiting events like this. Congratulations!

- The SIU Externship Program runs each year during Spring Break. CASA externship planning is well underway. Thirty (30) CASA students are participating in the SIU Externship experience this year, March 14 – 18, 2016: Thank you to these host sponsors!
 - Hunter Engineering Company in Bridgeton, Missouri – (Automotive Technology);
 - Legat Architects in Waukegan, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
 - Liaison Technologies in Carbondale, Illinois – (Information Systems Technologies);
 - Mackey Mitchell Associates in St. Louis, Missouri – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
 - Nelson in Chicago, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
 - FWIA Architects in Springfield, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
 - Perkins + Will in Chicago, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
 - G. Meredith Funeral Home in Carbondale, Illinois – (Mortuary Science and Funeral Services);
 - SIU Project Management Office – (ISAT);
 - Regional Brain and Spine Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri – (Health Care Management);
 - Remiger Design in St. Louis, Missouri – (Interior Design);
 - Whitney Architects in Oak Brook, Illinois – (Architecture Studies);
 - GE Aviation in Evandale, Ohio – (Aviation Technologies). Below are a couple of pictures of the GE9X bell-mouth after it was uncrated today. The GE9X engine will flow ~ 4,000 PPS (pounds per second) at maximum power (Sea Level). These are the equipment and experiences the CASA externs will have at GE Aviation next week;



- Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa – (Aviation Technologies);
- AAR. Corp in Wood Dale, Illinois – (Aviation Management and Flight);
- Cape Air in Bridgeton, Missouri – (Aviation Management and Flight);
- IDOT Division of Aeronautics – (Aviation Management and Flight);
- Gensler in Chicago, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
- VOA Associates in Chicago, Illinois – (Architectural Studies and Interior Design);
- Broward County Aviation Department in Dania Beach, Florida – (Aviation Technologies / Aviation Management and Flight).

Congratulations!

- Please join me in congratulating the Dental Hygiene program in the School of Allied Health on successfully establishing a distance education code for the new online Education and Management Specialization in Dental Hygiene effective summer 2016. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Mr. **Richard Goins** as HCM's 2016 Featured Alumnus! You can read about Mr. Goins and his accomplishments through the link provided below: <http://sah.siu.edu/undergraduate/health-care-management/featured-alumni.php>. I can say without doubt that many are thankful for your contributions to the field. Thank you and keep up the good work!
- The Dental Hygiene (DH) online degree completion option has been signed by the President's office and is ready to get started when the SIUC catalog is updated. As noted, JALC may close their Dental Hygiene program which could provide a population of students for the bachelor degree program. This online program is designed for dental hygienists who want to get a bachelor's degree. Congratulations!
- The School of Allied Health has seen tremendous response to their offering of the new Master in Health Administration (MHA) and Masters of Health Informatics (MHI) starting this summer. At this time, the School of Allied Health has admitted 16 Master's students into these two programs, and 24 more applications are in progress. This is a great success for new graduate programs. Congratulations!


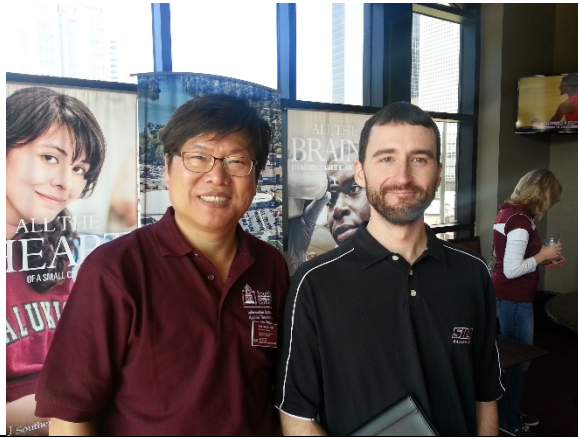
- The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) last week released [a comprehensive report](#) on student completion rates, and Illinois showed strong performance by its higher education system, compared to other states and the nation as a whole, as shown in the following categories:
 - Over 87% of students who enrolled full-time at an Illinois public university had completed a degree within six years. This was seven percentage points higher than the national average (80%). In addition, approximately 5% of students who had not completed were still currently enrolled and pursuing a degree.
 - Illinois was best in the nation in completion rates for students starting part-time at public universities. Its completion rate of 46% was over two times the national average (19%).
 - Illinois was also best in the nation in completion rates for adult learners (defined as students who started college who were older than 24) at public universities and about 50% higher than the national average (63% to 43%).
 - Illinois was third in the nation for full-time community college students completing bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges.
 - Illinois was fourth in the nation in completion rates for full-time community college students and roughly 13 percentage points higher than the national average.
 - Illinois was eighth in the nation in terms of completion rates for adult learners at community colleges (15% higher than the national average).
 - Illinois was also above the national average in terms of completion for students enrolling at private universities (87%). In fact, there was little difference between full-time students at public and private colleges.
 - Illinois was among ten states in which at least one in five women who started at a community college completed a bachelor's degree regardless of enrollment status (full-time/ part-time).

Considering that the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) collects data on student outcomes across 98% of all public and private colleges in the U.S., this is good news for higher education in Illinois among so much bad news regarding the state budget. Congratulations!

SALUKI CELEBRATION

The Chancellor's Office hosted a Saluki Celebration event on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Cardinal Nation Restaurant of Ballpark Village in St. Louis, MO. **Michael Behrmann**, AUT Department Chair, and **Sam Chung**, ISAT School Director, and **Ed Workman**, Senior Lecturer of ISAT, attended the event meeting CASA alumni and some walk-ins who were interested in CASA programs. Approximately two hundred people participated in this event.



Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell, Mrs. Behrmann, Micahel Behrmann, and Sam Chung	Sam Chung and Ed Workman
	
Michael Behrmann introduces AUT program to a future student and his mother	Sam Chung met IST Alumni James

BUDGETING, PLANNING, AND SUPPORT STAFF MEETING

The Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff will meet on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 10:00am - 12:00pm in the Dean's Conference Room. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Christine Blackburn, Assistant Director, Institutional Research and Studies, presentation of Solicitation Reports
2. Welcome and Update
3. Ad Staff Report
4. Cost Study Reports, Process, and Impacts
5. Budget Update
6. Research Committee: Ranking criteria being determined for Scholar of the Year award. Will provide ranked list to Dean by March 31.
7. Honors Day Committee: Preparations are underway for April 9 event
8. 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, 3/8/2016.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FORUM

The annual Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Forum will be held on Monday April 4, 2016. CURCA is looking for judges for the forum. Undergraduate students and Faculty are encouraged to check the following link: <http://ucarf.siu.edu/> or contact 618-453-4433 or curca@siu.edu for further information.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

Faculty/Staff are invited to serve on the Faculty/Staff Q&A Panel for the SIU families and guests during Freshmen New Student Orientation. The panel provides an opportunity for faculty/staff to share experiences and expertise, answer any questions family members and guests might have. The panel will take place between 2:15 - 2:45pm in the Student Center Auditorium on the following

dates: Friday, July 8th; Saturday, July 9th, and Monday, July 11th. Each panel will have a facilitator who will take questions from the audience members. Topics may include the following:

- Academic support and tips
- Academic expectations (not necessarily program-specific)
- Tips on how to be successful in the first year
- Signs of concern in students to be aware of (homesickness, Saluki Cares, etc.)
- General timeline
- ANY SIU-related questions or concerns

If you are interested in serving, please fill out [this linked form](#).

ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, March 7, 2016: 10:00am - 11:00am, Grant Discussion, Dean's Conference Room.
- Tuesday, March 8, 2016: 10:00am-12:30pm, Deans' Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room;
- Wednesday, March 9, 2016: 8:30am - 9:30am, AVMAF Meeting, TEC Multipurpose Room; 10:00am, Budgeting, Planning and Support Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room; 1:00pm, ADS-B Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.
- Thursday, March 10, 2016: 8:00am-10:00am, AVMAF Executive Committee Meeting, TEC 126A.
- Friday, March 11, 2016: 1:00pm – 2:00pm, Deans' Council Meeting with COB Dean Candidate, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.

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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