



Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Board of Governors Report

January 16, 2015

Vice President for Student Affairs

- The Campus Conducted Title 9 Training for 519 Staff & Faculty. Electronic Student Training will be starting in a few weeks
- Reminder to students that the Tuition payment deadline Jan. 21, 2015.
- KSN Living Well added a monthly career segment utilizing MSSU Career Services
- Project Stay Staff have been finalizing our proposal for continued grant funding for an additional five years
- First Year Experience is hosting OZ Livaneli, the author of "Bliss" the FYE common read, Jan. 15 & 16 for book signing, presentations and Q&A sessions
- Career Services, MSSU Alumni Association and the Young Professionals Network will be conducting a **Professional Clothing Giveaway** on March 31 from 9 am – 5 pm in BSC. They will be collecting items for the event March 9-13.

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid disbursement will take place week of Jan. 26. Refunds to students will begin approx. Friday, Jan. 30.
- A few changes to Direct Loan rules:
 - First-time freshman borrowers will have 30-day delay on their Direct Loan funds, which is 2/16/15. This is for their first disbursement only. This will apply to all incoming freshman for fall semester too.
 - For all students with Direct Loans: 2-disbursements are now required for each loan. This will affect any student who is new to MSSU for Spring semester. First disbursement like usual, 2nd disbursement is scheduled for March 23 after we confirm mid-term grades.
This 2-disbursement rule will also impact summer loans and students who are graduating in the fall semester. Basically any loan that is not processed as Fall/Spring is required to be split in 2 disbursements.
All other types of aid will continue to pay out with regular cycle.
- Preparing for 2015-16 Academic Year FAFSA filing. Students can renew at www.fafsa.gov now. FAFSA imports will begin in March to begin aid packaging for Fall 2015.
- Preparing for retirement of Linda Steele in our scholarship area. Her last day at MSSU is Jan. 31 after 21 years of dedicated service to MSSU

Career Services

- As a new initiative to draw student traffic to the Career Services Office complimentary cookies were advertised between December 8-16 in the library. 116 students visited the office for free refreshments. We plan to continue the initiative in the future, possibly on a quarterly basis.
- KSN Living Well added a monthly career segment utilizing MSSU Career Services
- Career Services is in the process of calling graduates from Summer and Fall 13 and Spring 14 for the annual employment report.
- Super Leader recruitment is under way, applications are due by January 27, 2015
- Spring Career Events:
- Spring Career Fair, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm, Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

- Student Professional Development Luncheons 12:20 – 12:50 pm
 - Tuesday, February 3rd (BSC 309), What Are Employers Really Looking For In Candidates, Doug Spears - Director of Recruitment at TAMKO Building Products
 - Tuesday, March 3rd (BSC 309), Resumes & Cover Letters - How to Land an Interview, Jamie Hirshey - Human Resource Manager and Freeman Health System
- Education Career Fair, Thursday, March 12, 2015, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Billingsly Student Center Ballroom
- Career Fair Cram and Professional Clothing Giveaway, Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 3:00 – 6:00 pm
- Etiquette Dinner and Networking Event, Monday, April 6, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Ballroom, \$5 RSVP Fee required before April 1

Bursar's Office

- Tuition and fees are due January 21 by 5:00 p.m.
- Financial Aid will be issued to students during the week of January 26
 - Students are encouraged to sign up for electronic deposit of their excess financial aid funds
 - Paper checks will be mailed to students that do not elect electronic deposit
- Payment Plans Spring '15
 - 5-pay plan available through January 21
 - 4-pay plan available through January 21
- Electronic deposits and payment plans can be set up by logging in to www.mssu.edu/paymybill.
 - Payment plans can also be set up in-person at the Bursar's Office

Admissions

- Fine Arts Discovery Day will be held on January 30th.
- Fall Student Contact Information

| MSSU Admissions Travel Activity | | | | | |
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| | <u>Sept.</u> | <u>Oct.</u> | <u>Nov</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
| High School Visits | 128 | 113 | 105 | 83 | 429 |
| High School Fairs | 99 | 94 | 12 | 2 | 207 |
| Community College Visits | 26 | 22 | 18 | 15 | 81 |
| Community College Fairs | 7 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 20 |
| Monthly Total | 260 | 237 | 140 | 100 | 737 |
| MSSU Admissions: Student Visits to Campus | | | | | |
| Fall 2014 Semester (September-December) | | | | | |
| Individual Tours | 352 | | | | |
| Group Tours | 1116 | | | | |
| Saturday Tours | 52 | | | | |
| Discovery Days | 612 | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 2132 | | | | |

First Year Experience

- *Bliss* author, OZ Livaneli, will be on campus January 15 and 16 for book signing, presentations and Q&A

Project Stay

- Total tutoring hours – 7
- Total contacts – 75
- Two job shadows were completed during the month of December; one in conservation and one in radiology
- Staff has been focused on planning our calendar of events for the fall semester as well as finalizing the proposal that will be submitted to continue our grant funding for an additional five years.

Talent Search

- Current Population – 429
- Monthly workshops – 29
- Total Student Contacts – 235
- January begins emphasis on financial aid and specifically the FAFSA application
- Staff made a financial aid presentation to parents and students at Sarcoxie High on December 17
- Staff participated in a 'new' FAFSA webinar on December 10
- Staff is in the planning process for our annual Spring Break trips
- Our APR was submitted to the Department of Education on December 5
- All five of our program objectives were met or exceeded for 2013-14

Upward Bound

- Completed Annual Performance Review in December – successfully met all our goals and got all prior year points
- CAS is in the final stages of being complete
- UB *Focus On* for January is scheduled for this Saturday. We are giving a practice ACT to all of the UB students
- Continuing weekly visits to all UB high schools
- Spring planning meeting the end of December - laid out plans for spring and summer trip

Recreational Services

- New fitness classes!! Schedule is posted outside the aerobic rooms and online – check them out
- Aquatics
 - Hosting CPO course (March 23 and 24)
 - Hosting LGI course (April 17-19)
 - Lifeguard course (April 23-26)
 - WSI course (sometime in May)
 - Collaborating with Look 4 States to fill TriFit classes (Triathlon Class)
 - Working with Joplin HS to update lane lines and JHS swimming banner
- Wellness
 - Working with HR to create an employee wellness reward program (using Coventry funds to purchase prizes to earn, such as FitBits, balance ball chairs, and other items that can help increase overall campus wellness)
 - Gearing up for Wellness Expo (March 12)
 - Employee Live Well luncheon sponsorships have been secured (\$4,800) February through December
- Family movie series – Thursday, February 12, 2:30 and 6:30p.m. – *Big Hero 6*

Student Success Center

- Student Success Center is piloting a weekend/evening tutoring option. Interested students should complete the form on their webpage to request an appointment – <http://webapps.mssu.edu/FormWizard/FormViewer.aspx?Id=92>
- The Teaching and Learning Committee is hosting Judge Edwards' presentation, "Implicit Bias and At-Risk Students". This presentation will cover topics such as: how to motivate students; recognizing that students learn differently and teaching those students; how students' backgrounds influence who they are and how they learn today. The presentation will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in Webster Hall's Corley Auditorium.

Student Activities

Final Numbers:

- Movies
 - Fall 2013: 325 scans, 12 showings (27 per)
 - Spring 2014: 454 scans, 14 showings (35 per)
 - Fall 2014: 1,091 scans, 21 showings (52 per)
- Entertainers
 - Fall 2013: 488 scans, 5 performances (98 per)
 - Spring 2014: 734 scans, 7 performances (105 per)
 - Fall 2014: 1,635 scans, 7 performances (234 per)
- Day Events
 - Fall 2013: 1,204 scans, 13 events (93 per)
 - Spring 2014: 1,027 scans, 17 events (60 per)
 - Fall 2014: 1,559 scans, 19 events (82 per)
- Night Events
 - Fall 2013: 261 scans, 2 night events (131 per)
 - Spring 2014: 154 scans, 1 night events (154 per)
 - Fall 2014: 714 scans, 4 night events (179 per)