



**Division of Student Affairs
Board of Governors Report
February 20, 2014**

Vice President for Student Affairs Highlights

- **Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)** – The Division of Student Affairs has been going through the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) Review. Departments are finalizing their program reviews, and should have the reports completed by May 1, 2015.
- **University Experience Review** - Student Affairs and Academic Affairs have appointed a committee to review and make recommendations for Improvement on the University Experience 100 course.
- **Title IX Training** - The Campus is continuing Title IX Training for 618 Staff & Faculty. Electronic Student Training has started, and we want to encourage students to use their Blackboard accounts to complete this training.
- **December Graduates** - Total of 348 degrees for 286 graduates were issued for December
- **New Sodexo General Manager** – Esther Easter. Today is Mike Wonderly's last day, and we wish him the best of luck as he relocates with Sodexo.
- **Residence Hall Enhancements**
 - Honors Housing – Stone Hall will be designated as the Honors Hall
 - Expansion of the Summer Meal Plans
 - Continuous Dining Service beginning Fall 2015
 - RMS Software - streamlines processes including room assignment, accommodation management, inventory, and maintenance.
- **Project Stay** - submitted their grant application to the Department of Education on January 28, 2015. The University should be notified by the second week of August if we are funded for an additional 5 years.
- **Foundation Scholarships** - applications for 2015-16 academic year are due March 1. Returning or new students should apply online at www.mssu.edu/foundation-scholarships
- **National Association of Campus Activities** – MSSU Student Activities Staff were asked to present at the national conference. Over the last 18 months, it is estimated that MSSU CAB has provided in-house novelty events at a savings of over \$11,000 (compared to paying fees for off-campus vendor for the same events).
- **Dress for Success** - 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.

Bursar's Office

- 1,762 financial aid refunds were issued electronically - \$4,719,386.81
- 57% of spring refunds were issued electronically
- Information on how to sign up for electronic refunds was included in each paper check mailed
- 1,359 paper check refunds issued - \$2,042,600.85
- Payment plans for Spring 2015 – 639 enrollments; fee revenue generated - \$22,365

Career Services

- Dress for Success Bankers Challenge launched on Tuesday. Area banks are competing to collect the most professional clothing. This is offered as a partnership between the JACC YPN, MSSU Alumni Association, and MSSU Career Services
- 15 Super Leaders were accepted this semester and have completed 2 sessions: Leadership Development and Marketing, Media, and Advertisement. Their next outing is February 27 – Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Board members are invited to attend sessions to experience the program with students

Registrar

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Financial Aid

- MSSU is hosting FAFSA Frenzy, Sunday, March 8 from 2:00-4:00 in the BSC Ballroom. This event is open to any college-bound freshman for Fall 2015. Financial Aid counselors will be available to help students/parents complete the FAFSA for the 2015-16 academic year. Incoming freshmen who attend will be entered into a statewide drawing for sixteen \$500 scholarships for use at their school in Fall 2015
- During the month of March, the Financial Aid Office will offer FAFSA help to any current or incoming student. Full-time staff will be available to help students one-on-one with FAFSA completion or other questions regarding their Financial Aid eligibility.
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Student Success Center

- 198 tutor hours have been conducted since the beginning of the Spring semester through February 13
- 25 tests proctored to date through Student Disability Services
- Presenting Student Success Center information to the University Experience 100 level classes and to the Education 100 level classes
- Tutor Training Class is going well – Saturday format is working
- Teaching and Learning Committee wants to remind everyone about the Judge Edwards presentation – Friday, February 27, 2:00 in Corley Auditorium
- Supplemental Instruction – Senior Certified Reading and Learning Association Level II tutor is working with the Sociology Department to conduct SI sessions. The student will complete an independent study and will do a subsequent research paper about SI techniques.

Upward Bound -

- Continuing our weekly visits to area high schools
- Currently starting the summer planning for the College Simulated Experience
- February 'Focus On' scheduled for this Saturday, will have Becca Diskin presenting to our students about Financial Aid and scholarships.
- We have been successful in creating a dual credit/enrollment for the summer. Andy Youngworth, from Carthage, will teach Hist 110 to our rising juniors and seniors that qualify for the class
- We will be attending Judge Jimmie Edwards' presentation – *Implicit Bias and At-Risk Students*

Project Stay

- Total individual student tutoring sessions for January – 17
- Total Student contacts for January – 160
- Three students made requests for job shadow placements in January. Requests were made in radiology, child psychology, and accounting.
- PS submitted our grant application to the DOE on January 28. We should be notified by the second week of August if we are funded for an additional 5 years.
- Students completed their required first of semester meetings with advisors during January
- PS has a graduate student from the MSU School of Social Work program, Mark Miller, completing a practicum in our office this semester. He will be working approximately 30 hours a week.

Talent Search

- Current Talent Search population for January – 440
- January workshops – 27
- Total Student Contacts – 255
- 2015 Spring Break Campus Tour – University of Arkansas/Crystal Bridges
- Seniors are beginning work on the FAFSA applications
- Will be hosting an ACT test prep workshop on March 31 and April 2

Student Activities

- Student check-ins at CAB sponsored events this semester are up 34.6% from Spring 2014
- 863 check-ins at 16 events this Spring compared to 641 at 15 events last Spring
- Director of Student Activities just returned from the National Association of Campus Activities National Conference
 - After a well-reviewed educational session at the central region conference that was conducted by Coordinator of Student Activities, Craig Gullet, MSSU was invited to give the same educational session at the National Association of Campus Activities National Conference
 - The educational session discussed how in-house novelties have saved CAB thousands of dollars and opened up greater opportunities to program. Over the last 18 months, it is estimated that MSSU CAB has provided in-house novelty events at a savings of over \$11,000 (compared to paying fees for off-campus vendor for the same events).

Residence Life

- Annual Residence Hall Returning Student Housing Fair will be February 25 – 2:00-5:30 and February 26 – 5:30-7:00 in the SLC, room 106
- 2015-16 housing contracts for incoming students will be available as of March 11, 2015.
- Spring 2015 Residence Life Cup competition is in full swing. Headlee Hall is in first place, followed by Blaine. Residence Cup is a competition against each residence hall building. Buildings get points by

attending designated events and number of ID scans. Points are weighted for each building to account for occupancy differences.

Recreational Services

- **Fitness**

- Coordinating with the Kinesiology department to facilitate the implementation of Wallyball.
- Working with Kinesiology to provide their Ballroom Dance class with a practice facility for the students. The current classroom is not available for practice time.

- **Wellness**

- 6th Annual Wellness Expo – Wednesday, March 11 – Employees/retirees/spouses 7-11 a.m.; all campus 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Live Well luncheons (last Thursday of each month from 12:05-12:50 p.m., January-November) – open to employees/retirees/spouses. Total sponsorship for lunches -\$5,400 (Carlson Chiropractic, ADC Dental and Mercy)

- **Aquatics**

- TriFit classes – 36 participants generated \$875.
- CPO class – March 23 & 24 – several campus members participating (Physical Plant)
- Upcoming classes – Lifeguard, Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, Learn to Swim (Spring & Summer) and World's Largest Swim Lesson registration information www.mssu.edu/aquatics Classes open to Missouri Southern campus members and the general public
- Working with URM to plan a ribbon cutting for late March/early April to showcase facility improvements as well as promote upcoming aquatics classes.