

Board of Governors Report – Academic Affairs
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We recently received provisional approval from MDHE to offer three new programs: Master of Science in Education, **School Administration**, Master of Science in Education, **TESOL** (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and off-site delivery of our Master of Science in Education, **Curriculum & Instruction** (for delivery at Nevada, McDonald County, Jan and Webb City). We are currently seeking approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The Missouri Southern Social Sciences Department will host Missouri Region 6 **History Day** on March 6th. For the 25th year, Dr. Paul Teverow will serve as the coordinator of the event! Students from area high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools are invited to enter. Judges included Missouri Southern faculty as well as volunteers from the community with a special interest in history. We anticipate area schools to submit nearly 200 entries.

The 2015 **Higher Learning Commission** (HLC) Annual Conference will be held March 28-31 in Chicago. Several, including Dr. Marble, Darren Fullerton, and I have made plans to attend. The General Program will feature more than 100 institutional presentations on a wide variety of topics and issues of current interest to those in higher education. This conference will be valuable to us as we prepare for our next comprehensive evaluation scheduled for 2018.

We are beginning to interview candidates for the **Honors Program**. There are over 100 applicants. We typically accept 35-40 students into the program annually.

Dr. Marble recently completed meeting with each academic **department chair**. The group sessions provided Dr. Marble with the opportunity to get better acquainted with the chairs and to hear them discuss the current status of their departments as well as their visions for the future.

New hires: (effective August 1, 2015)

- Mr. Mikh Gunderman – Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
- Dr. Renee White – Associate Professor, Social Work

Retirees: (effective June 30, 2015)

- Mr. Keith Robertson – Director of Clinical Field Experiences, Teacher Education