



Board Report
10-20-17

Alan Marble

Strategic Plan – Eight separate faculty and staff Stakeholder Engagement meetings were held on Sept. 19, 21, 25, and 28. These face-to-face meetings were attended by over 100 individuals, with over 1,500 comments and suggestions being recorded. We also opened the sessions to online participation via Survey Monkey with over 200 more respondents offering nearly 1,000 comments and suggestions.

I have included hard copies of the documents used in both the face-to-face sessions and the online effort. As you can see, these straightforward questions require a significant amount of thought and contemplation, but it is necessary to capture the ideas with “descriptive words or brief phrases.” This approach was taken with the following six topics: 1) Mission; 2) Vision (for 5 – 10 years in the future); 3) Values; 4) SWOT Analysis; 5) Environmental Scan; and, 6) Aspirational Thinking (10 years and beyond).

It was our intention to have preliminary input regarding the Mission Statement available for the Board of Governors in October, but we have found the task of analyzing such a large amount of input to be more time consuming than predicted. However, we should have the information available in time for the November meeting.

University Council – The University Council met for the first time this semester on September 25th. As you will recall, this group serves the dual purpose of functioning as the Central Huddle for the GGOE and as the campus wide policy approval and modification council. First, we heard an inspiring report from members of the Great Game Culture Committee and the additional focus on determining our “noble cause” – which I hope is ultimately revealed in our Strategic Planning work. Next, we returned to the business of completing the Policy Library that started last year. This meeting we discussed, contemplated and eventually adopted over a dozen new policies dealing with subjects such as: Minors on Campus, Family Medical Leave, Employee Benefits & Insurance, Conflicts of Interest, etc. Many of the policies were adopted at the recommendation of Husch Blackwell and several were simply updates due to changes in the law or regulatory rules. Overall, the policy library is about 98% complete with only a few details left to be wrapped up. This will obviously be of great help when handbooks, guides, or other documents are created that need to refer to a particular policy... we need only refer to the link in the online Policy Manual. It will also avoid the inadvertent misinterpretation or misquotation of policies going forward.

President Mun Choi – A couple of weeks ago we were privileged to have the University of Missouri president, Dr. Mun Choi, visit campus along with former Higher Education Commissioner, David Russell, and University Extension representative, Jay Chism. We spent about 90 minutes discussing the challenges and opportunities facing higher education in general, Missouri issues in particular, and potential ways the University of Missouri and Missouri Southern might be able to work together in the future.

Lantern Society – As Dr. Hodson covered in his report, the Lantern Society dinner was another huge success this year, with a full house of faithful supporters of Missouri Southern. I want to take a moment in my report to express my gratitude for the fantastic support we receive from our alumni, corporate partners, and the community in general. It's a remarkable and very rewarding relationship that we value immensely.

Third Thursday – On September 21st, Missouri Southern sponsored the downtown Joplin "Third Thursday" event, where we basically took over Main Street from 2nd to 7th streets. The participation of campus Academic Departments, Athletic Teams, Support Services, student organizations, the Marching Band, and others too numerous to list created an atmosphere of celebration, learning, and kinship. A big thank you goes to Cassie Mathes and her URM team for planning and organizing this event, but we also need an equally big shout out to Bob Harrington and the Physical Plant team for their work loading, transporting, setting up, and tearing down some very intricate displays... along with running electrical power to several of the booths. This huge team effort helped our university put its best foot forward in front of thousands of community members. The weather made it a bit toasty, but all in all it was a great evening.

Great Game of Education (GGOE) – Rob and Jeff were asked by the Commissioner of Higher Education to give a brief (30-45 minute) presentation on our GGOE initiative at the State Chief Business Officers meeting in Jefferson City on Thursday. This was a meeting of all 2 year and 4 year higher education institution's Business Officers (approximately 50 people). We were one of only two schools asked to make presentations on innovative approaches to higher education budgeting approaches. The presentation generated many great questions and several schools asked to bring teams from their institution to MSSU to find out more information about implementing GGOE on their campuses. The Commissioner was asked that we send our power point to all participants for further review and consideration.

A member of CACUBO (**C**entral **A**ssociation of **C**ollege and **U**niversity **B**usiness **O**fficers) was present at the meeting and asked if we would be willing to present the GGOE initiative at the annual CACUBO meeting next spring in Chicago. It was a very productive trip and really put the Great Game of Education on the higher education radar in the State of Missouri.

Homecoming – Homecoming activities were outstanding again this year. The number of alums returning for Homecoming just seems to keep growing each year, and that is of course what we want to see. But, this year crowds seemed to be extraordinarily large. The Alumni Recognition and Awards banquet on Friday evening was sold out and masterfully organized by Lee Pound. The Parade was crowded every inch of the route, and the Tailgating at the Alumni Center was a crush of conversation, laughter, and shared memories. So, a big thank you is in order for Lee Pound and her team, the Alumni Association Board, the Campus Activities Board, the Athletic Department, our great marching Band, the Physical Plant staff, and all other participating campus units for providing such a well-organized and joyful weekend.

ADVANCING MSSU

Report of the Executive Vice President
to the MSSU Board of Governors

Friday, October 20, 2017

Admissions

- **Fall 2017 Enrollment** – The number recorded on the 20th day of classes, September 15, shows a final headcount of 6,174, a decrease of 57 students – the second largest enrollment in the university's history.
- **Strong Freshman Class** – This fall, 1,012 freshmen enrolled, making it the third largest freshman class in MSSU history. There was also an up-tick in the GPA of incoming students, indicating MSSU is attracting more academically qualified entering freshmen.
- **Areas of Growth** – Final census numbers show growth in out-of-state students. This increase comes primarily from the university's Lion Pride Tuition program (up 4%) that provides in-state tuition to students in the eight states bordering Missouri and the State of Texas. Distance learning students grew 10%, a continuation of a trend toward online courses. Dual credit – high school students taking college courses – increased 3%.

Academically, there was notable growth in three of the four programs the university placed a marketing emphasis on during the last fiscal year: biology/environmental health, education, and health sciences. The fourth program marketed was business, which was stable in enrollment.

- **Admission Funnel** – Last year, MSSU experienced increased applications, increased admitted students, but a slightly lower yield rate. This is attributed to the university's expanded recruitment area, Lion Pride.

	Noel-Levitz Four Year Public National Average	Missouri Southern Fall 2017
Conversion of Inquiries to Applications	24%	32%
Percent of Applications Completed	82%	71%
Conversion of Applications to Admits	85%	95%
Yield Rate of Admitted to Enrolled	26%	39%

- **Twenty Year Demographic Trends** – From an enrollment perspective, it's helpful to take a look back and see the progress the institution has made over the last two decades. To that end, staff in Admission have prepared the following headcount and demographic comparison between Fall 1997 and Fall 2017:

	MSSU Fall 1997	MSSU Fall 2017	Percent Change
Headcount	5,485	6,175	+ 12.6%
Enrolled Hours	62,740	72,241	+ 15.1%
New Freshman	740	1,012	+ 36.8%
Average Freshman ACT	21.2	21.5	+ 1.4%
Transfers	294	574	+ 95.2%
International Students	36	214	+ 494.4%
Graduate Students	0	153	--
In-State Students	5001	4745	- 5.1%
In-State as a Percent of Headcount	91.1%	76.8%	- 15.7%
Out-of-State Students	484	1,430	+ 195.5%
Out-of-State as a Percent of Headcount	8.8%	23.1%	+ 262.5%
Black / African American	2%	7%	+ 5%
Native American	3%	3%	NC
Asian	1%	2%	+ 100%
Hispanic	1%	6%	+ 600%
White / Caucasian	93%	74%	- 19%
International	.07%	3%	--
Other / Did Not Report	0%	5%	--

University Relations and Marketing

- **50 Years at Mission Hills** – On Friday, October 27, MSSU will celebrate 50 years on the Mission Hills campus with a re-dedication ceremony at 10:00 a.m. The event is 50 years to the day after Governor Warren Hearnes dedicated the campus in 1967. The highlight of the festivities will be the presence of several of the children of the university's forefathers who guided the fundraising and construction of the new campus in 1967. The public is invited to attend the ceremony on the lawn in front of Hearnes Hall.



**MSSU Board of Governors Meeting
Vice President for Business Affairs
October 20, 2017**

Construction

Nixon Hall – The architects have finished construction drawings and the contractor (Crossland) will put it out to bid shortly. Bids are due back from the subs on November 20 and construction will start in December. This facility will mainly house Math classrooms and offices. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2018 with classes starting in the spring 2019.

Budget – HB 2017 \$1.5M, HB 2018 \$5M; Fundraised \$1.5M, = \$8M
Architect – Paragon (Spfd.)
Contractor - Crossland

Trail project w/City of Joplin – The City is in the process of acquiring property north of the theater. After that, the project will be put out to bid and construction should begin within 60 days with completion in the spring.

FEMA has finally approved the City's CLOMR (Conditional Letter of Map Revision) application and letters have been sent to the 3 property owners (MSSU, Northpark Mall & Spring River Christian Village) notifying them of the change on the flood plain.
Budget - \$80K (lighting)

GGOE presentation

Last Thursday, Jeff and I made a presentation at the State Business Officers meeting in Jefferson City that was well received. I believe Dr. Marble will be mentioning that in his report.

NEOSHO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We are pleased to be a partner institution, and since the program commenced in the beginning of this semester, we have proudly presented in Emergency Medicine, Respiratory Therapy, Radiology, Engineering Technology, and plan next on Graphic Design and other technology-based programs. We have received kind notes of appreciation for our presentations, and are excited to have been invited to be a part of this important and innovative educational initiative.

2017 PERKINS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

Thus far, we have been awarded about \$130,000 this academic year to obtain critically-needed equipment.

HS	SimMan	\$84,000
DH	Phanton Skins	\$4,000
DH	ADEA	\$2,000
LE/CJ	Range Lead Removal	\$8,000
EMS	Code Kit, Pedi Tr, etc	\$8,500
ET	Elec Motor Control	\$10,000
LE/CJ	Various Training Items	\$5,000

LION CUB ACADEMY AND DENTAL HYGIENE (FROM KOAM 7)

Dental hygiene students to teach kids importance of having healthy smiles

Updated: Oct 19, 2017 12:24 PM CDT

JOPLIN, MISSOURI -

More than 90 children between the ages of 1 and 5 will learn about the importance of creating Healthy Lion Smiles during a special program at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Missouri Southern State University's Lion Cub Academy.

"Proper dental hygiene is important at any age," said Nikki Tappana, director of the Lion Cub Academy. "It's very important to start healthy dental hygiene habits early."

Students from the Dental Hygiene Department will visit classrooms to teach children about proper techniques for using their toothbrush and the long-term benefits of taking care of their teeth.

"Nikki reached out to our department to let us know the Missouri Department of Health has initiated a program to teach kids in Head Start about oral health," said Stacie Scrivner, head of the Dental Hygiene Department. "We recently had our students and faculty work with the faculty and staff at the Lion Cub Academy to talk about cleanliness and infection control, and also donated products to them."

Scrivner said the joint effort – offered as part of National Dental Hygiene Month – is also beneficial to students studying for a career in dental hygiene.

"Our students need to know how to start initiatives," she said. "They need to learn how to reach out to different people in the community to see where we can help with the need."

Located at 3600 Newman Road, the Lion Cub Academy offers a hands-on learning environment for early childhood education and teacher education students, helping them learn best educational practices and to develop appropriate curriculum. It provides care for children ages 1 to 6.

Other academic partnerships this semester include Modern Languages (Spanish and Sign Language) and Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice.

Childhood and dental health

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UTILIZATION REVIEW OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES

We have begun a study to ensure optimal utilization of all our academic facilities and learning environments.

ALPHA CHI (MISSOURI IOTA) INDUCTION SET FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 1:30 PM (93 STUDENTS)

Alpha Chi is a coeducational academic honor society created in 1922. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. While MSSU sponsors several disciplinary-specific honor organizations, Alpha Chi is a national all-university academic society.



Alpha Chi - At a Glance

- Alpha Chi is a national college honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines.
- Membership is limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors, seniors, and graduate students.
- Invitation to membership comes only through an institutional chapter. A college seeking a chapter must grant baccalaureate degrees and be regionally accredited.
- Some 300 chapters, located in almost every state, induct approximately 11,000 members annually.

HIGHER EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM TRANSFER ACT: KEY PROVISIONS



RSMo 178.785-789/ "Core curriculum", the basic competencies to be met, which shall include communicating, higher-order thinking, managing information, valuing, and includes the knowledge areas of social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts, mathematics, and life and physical sciences;

Knowledge Areas						
Social and Behavioral Sciences		Communications		Natural Sciences and Mathematical Sciences		Humanities and Fine Arts
9 credit hours total		9 credit hours total		10 credit hours total		9 credit hours total
6	3	6	3	7	3	9
From at least two disciplines	History/constitution requirement	Written	Oral	From at least two disciplines, one of which must have an associated lab component.	Mathematics	From at least two disciplines.
						Additional Requirements
						5 credit hours total
						Any course that has a MOTR transfer number.

-Forty-two semester credit hours
-common course numbering equivalency matrix

To be finalized by January 2018 with implementation by August 2018.

STUDENT AFFAIRS



Student Affairs Board of Governors Report

October 20, 2017

- **Hurricane Harvey and Irma Disaster Related Outreach**

9 students impacted by the hurricanes requested complete withdrawals and their tuition refunded. 2 Students requested partial withdrawal from courses.

- **University Major/Minor Fair was held Oct. 4th.**

The Advising and Registrar's Offices coordinated a Major & Minors fair for all MSSU students. This event is specifically designed to attract undecided students. Every MSSU academic department showcased their offerings to undergraduate students. This event also provided career counseling and academic advising assistance.

- **Mid-Term Report**

Mid-Term brings a great deal of activity. Mid-Term grades were submitted this week. Faculty and staff advisors are reaching out to students that might need assistance and/or tutoring, upon their grades at mid-term. We are also planning ahead for next semester. Spring registration begins Oct. 23rd.

- **Tutor Day for Southwest Missouri High Schools**

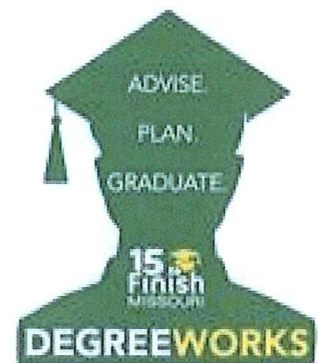
The Student Success Center hosted it's seventh-annual Tutor Day on Sept. 27th. There were 124 high school students in attendance, with schools as far away as Camden.

- **Student Affairs Assessment Committee**

The Student Affairs Units are completing their co-curricular assessments. These units are then presenting to the Student Affairs Assessment Committee for evaluation and recommendations. Departments reviewed in the committee's first meeting were Student Success Center and the Advising Office.

- **Talent Search Monthly Outreach to Public Schools**

Talent Search has conducted 33 events/workshops for the previous month. These workshops include ACT Test Prep, Financial Aid, Applying for College, etc.



Spring 2018 Registration Dates

- OCTOBER 23: Seniors: 90+ credit hours, Students registered with Disability Services, Honors, Junior & Senior Varsity Athletes, approved participants in Project STAY, Military Service Members/Veterans, and Yours To Lose students
- OCTOBER 30: Juniors: 60+ Credits
- NOVEMBER 6: Sophomores: 30+ Credits
- NOVEMBER 8: Transfer Students
- NOVEMBER 13: Freshmen: 1+ Credits & Post Graduates

- **Fresh Ideas Staffing Changes**

General Manager	Brian Kenney
Assistant Manager/Catering	Artimius Hollins
Chef	Kevin Blankenship
Administrative Assistant	Marsha Oliphant
Regional Area Manager	Taylor Strecker

- **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program**

The MSSU University Police Department is once again partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), to be a host site for the "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program." Individuals may drop off the prescription drugs at the University Police Department at 726 N. Mission Hills Drive between 8am & 5pm, beginning Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 and ending on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017.

- **Dr. Al Cade Beacon of Hope Service Award**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Dr. Al Cade Beacon of Hope Service Award. Nominations are due by Nov. 1. The award is designed to honor MSSU students who have contributed an extraordinary level of dedication & demonstrated superior leadership through exceptional service by volunteering on or off campus.

- **Homecoming Student Updates**

14 campus organizations participated in displays and floats
25 students nominated for King and Queen
Ashley Hayes selected as Queen and Houron Koroma selected as King, both from the Black Student Union Organization

By the Numbers

Greek Life Update

- Total population – 154
- 14 Greeks on Student Senate (3 executive officers)
- 8 Greek members invited to Order of Omega (Greek National Honor Society top 3%)
- Kappa Alpha hosted a 5K color run for MDA and held their annual Car Bash
- Kappa Sigma raised for money for Hurricane Relief efforts and hosted their annual Great Box Build Off for the homeless
- Sigma Pi will be holding their annual Gift of Light, Gift of Love partnership with Ronald McDonald House



MSSU Athletics Report

1. Sport Program Reports

- a. **Football** – The Missouri Southern football team will play host to Central Oklahoma this Saturday inside Fred G. Hughes Stadium at the Robert W. Plaster Sports Complex. The Lions rank seventh nationally in fewest penalties and fewest penalties per game, while ranking seventh in fewest penalty yards and sixth in fewest penalty yards per game. The Lions rank 53rd nationally in blocked kicks and 65th in tackles for a loss. Southern leads the MIAA in fewest penalties and penalty yards, while ranking fourth in tackles for a loss. The team also ranks fifth in blocked kicks, and punt return defense. Individually, Roc Robbins ranks 13th nationally in fumble recoveries, while Alexander Wade ranks 53rd nationally in total tackles and 60th in solo tackles.
- b. **Cross Country** – The Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams have will be in action this Saturday at the 2017 MIAA Championships in Warrensburg at Central Missouri. The men are ranked 4th in the latest NCAA Central Region poll, while the women are ranked 8th.
- c. **Volleyball** – The Missouri Southern volleyball team hosts Fort Hays State at 6 pm tonight inside Young Gym and hosts Nebraska-Kearney at 11 am on Saturday. The Lions are 9-13 overall and 2-7 in the MIAA. They sit two games out of the final spot for the 2017 MIAA Volleyball Tournament with nine games left in the regular season.
- d. **Golf** – The Missouri Southern golf team finished in 11th place at the final MIAA Points Event of the fall this past Tuesday at Washburn. Freshman Taylor Haltom finished 8th individually. Southern sits in sixth place in the MIAA golf standings after the fall points season concluded. The Lions will have one more fall event next week as the Lions host their Fall Invitational at Shangri-La Country Club in Monkey Island, Okla. on Monday and Tuesday.
- e. **Soccer** – The Missouri Southern soccer team will be home this weekend, playing host to No. 1 ranked Central Missouri on Friday at 6 pm and Lindenwood on Sunday at 1 pm. Southern got a 1-0 win last week at Nebraska-Kearney and fought to a 0-0 double-overtime tie at Fort Hays State. Luz Gallindo had two shutouts on the week.
- f. **Men's and Women's Basketball** – The Missouri Southern men's and women's basketball teams have opened up practice and will host MOSO Madness on Tuesday, October 24 inside the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Festivities start at 7 pm.

2. MIAA News:

- a. A Taskforce has been in full swing for the last month and a half regarding the MIAA Webcasting Network. I am a member of the taskforce but have relied heavily on both Randon Coffey and Justin Maskus regarding the expertise. Currently have a plan for the Fall and Winter sports to include webcasting of FB, MBB, WBB and VB for all universities. In the process of creating a "Minimum Standards Guide"
- b. Officiating committee will be meeting in January to review compensation packages, etc. I am a member of that committee
- c. Currently working with MIAA Commissioner on reviewing the current football scheduling regarding other options including divisions, end of the season conference championship game, non-conference game, protecting a rivalry game, etc.

3. NCAA News:

a. NCAA Reporting:

- i. New Regional Bids for XC are available but our from outside our region. We currently are hosting 2018 and 2019 NCAA Regionals.
- ii. New directives from the NCAA Board of Governor's regarding Title IX Training and Sexual Violence. While this was passed by the NCAA Board of Governor's, it is not entirely clear on what this exactly means regarding documentation, expectations of the training and what exactly should be covered in the training, however we do know that we need to meet those unknown expectations by the end of the Spring of 2018. We will meet the general expectations with the help of Julie Wengert and some of her staff and expertise.

4. Departmental News:

a. NCAA Compliance:

- i. NCAA/EADA Reporting was completed and posted by October 15 with the help of Linda Eis, Liz Ebert, Tonya Nickle and Karesa Burr. This is very complicated and challenging report and their help is very much appreciated.
- ii. We received notification that the NCAA Agreed-Upon Procedures audit for FY18 will be conducted in the Fall of 2018. This audit is conducted every 3 years by an independent accounting firm.
- iii. ISSG update:
 1. This year is our reporting year
 2. Committees are being formed and review of last ISSG has been preliminarily completed
 3. Gender Equity and Diversity Committee notes indicate a need for a Women's Sport Addition. Discussions have been underway regarding the best fit for this at MSSU, the region and conference affiliations.

b. Departmental Positional Searches:

- i. (2) Sports Medicine Positions remain open.
- ii. Athletic Business Manager- filled with previous MSSU Softball Alumni; Brooklyn Farrell '12
- iii. Asst. Track and Field Coach – Jason Francis, previous Head Coach at University of Dayton and University of UM-Milwaukee. Specializes in Sprints and Hurdles.
- iv. Strength and Conditioning - Our assistant Strength and Conditioning coach, Orie Sahlfeld has been named interim. We are undergoing on-campus interviews next couple of weeks from a highly qualified group of candidates.

c. Marketing:

- i. The basketball kickoff event MOSO Madness is scheduled for October 24th at 7pm inside The Leggett and Platt Athletic Center. Season ticket holders may pick up tickets, the basketball teams will scrimmage and sign autographs, and free hot dogs will be handed out.
- ii. October is national breast cancer awareness month and at three events this weekend MSSU will be working to raise awareness and funds for local organizations including Hope 4 You. The pink events for the weekend include Friday: Volleyball vs. Fort Hays State 6pm; Saturday: Football vs. UCO 3pm; Sunday: Soccer vs. Lindenwood 1pm. Before Saturday's football game Mercy will have the mobile mammography unit on site for fans. All cancer survivors will be admitted to these events this weekend for free by mentioning it at the gate.

d. SAAC:

- i. The annual student athlete canned food drive will be taking place the week of Halloween. Last year the student athletes collected almost 5,000 cans and the athletes are hoping to be between 5,000-6,000 cans this year. This activity has been able to sustain Souls Harbor for over a month in November and December(the high volume times of the year).

- ii. All Athlete Talent Show is coming up on Tuesday November 7th at 7pm in Corely Auditorium. \$1 admission and additional votes are \$1. The money raised will go to support local non-profit groups.
- iii. The focus for this year will on more community engagement through community service.

5. Lionbackers & Annual Campaign(s):

- a. Officially began June 1st and have been receiving a steady influx of membership applications
 - i. Current membership is at 273
 - ii. As of yesterday this is an increase of 20 members from last year.
 - iii. Instituted a GGOE mini-game in the athletic department to drive memberships

6. Athletic Facility Updates:

- a. L&P: Bleacher repair has been postponed until a later date. Paul Gooch (school electrician) has re-wired one side and the other side is mechanically fixed. He will do vice-versa coming up soon.
- b. Warren Turner Field: Turf on mound will need to be replaced. There are also new backstop pads that will be installed this fall.
- c. CC course is having lots of foliage removed to clear up the course.
- d. Fencing or line of bushes being reviewed for along Dusquense to force students to cross at the crosswalks along with additional signage

7. Athletic Facility Updates:

- e. Cross Country Course
 - a. Oct 7 – KA Color Run
 - b. Oct 28 – Ozark Christian College CC Meet
- f. **Hal Bolden Field**
 - a. Oct 6 – vs Washburn at 6 p.m.
 - b. Oct 8 – vs Emporia State at 1 p.m.
 - c. Oct 20 – vs UCM at 6 p.m. (Pink Game)
 - d. Oct 22 – vs Lindenwood at 1 p.m.
 - e. Oct 29 – vs UCO at 1 p.m. (Athletic Department Cook-Out)
 - f. Nov 1-5 – MIAA Tournament
- g. **Hughes Stadium**
 - a. Oct 21 – vs UCO at 3 p.m. (Pink Game)
 - b. Nov 4 – vs Lindenwood 2 p.m. (Senior Day)
- h. **L&P Athletic Center –**
 - a. Oct 4 – Little Lions Basketball Camp
 - b. Oct 4 – 4 –State Regional College Fair
 - c. Oct 21 – 1-4 p.m. MSSU Dance Team Mini Clinic
- i. **NEZ Facility –**
 - a. Oct 3 – Joplin Globe Couponing Seminar in Academic Room 2:30 p.m.
 - b. Oct 6 – Advancement Rally for Dr. Hodson in Alumni Room 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 - c. Oct 6 – Lion Pride Luncheon 12-1 p.m. Alumni Room
 - d. Oct 9 – FCA meeting 7-8 a.m. Alumni Room
 - e. Oct 10 – Lionbacker Steering Committee Meeting Alumni Rom 6:30 p.m.
 - f. Oct 11 – 11- 1 p.m. Football Press Conference
 - g. Oct 11 – Meeting with Architects in Alumni Room/Academic Room 6-9 p.m.

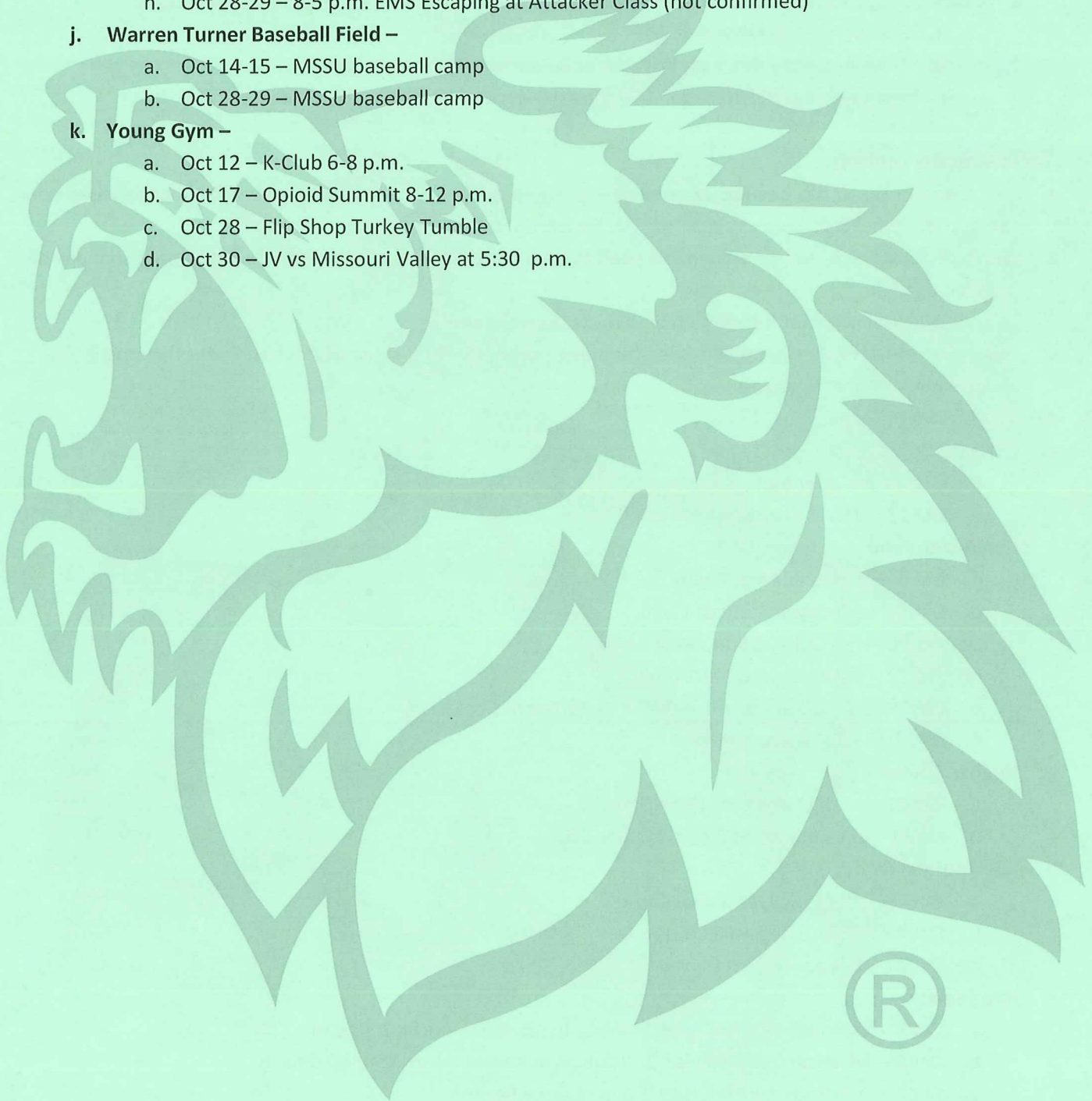
- h. Oct 18 – 11-1 p.m. Football Press Conference Alumni Room
- i. Oct 20 – 12-1 p.m. Lion Pride Luncheon Alumni Room
- j. Oct 21 – Presidents Game Day Gathering Academic Room
- k. Oct 21 – 10:30-12:30 p.m. Rod Smith Book Signing Academic Room
- l. Oct 23 – FCA meeting from 7-8 a.m. Alumni Room
- m. Oct 25 – 11-1 p.m. Football Press Conference in Alumni Room
- n. Oct 28-29 – 8-5 p.m. EMS Escaping at Attacker Class (not confirmed)

j. Warren Turner Baseball Field –

- a. Oct 14-15 – MSSU baseball camp
- b. Oct 28-29 – MSSU baseball camp

k. Young Gym –

- a. Oct 12 – K-Club 6-8 p.m.
- b. Oct 17 – Opioid Summit 8-12 p.m.
- c. Oct 28 – Flip Shop Turkey Tumble
- d. Oct 30 – JV vs Missouri Valley at 5:30 p.m.



MISSOURI SOUTHERN

STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Report of the Faculty Liaison to the Board of Governors

Nicholas P. Nicoletti, Faculty Senate President 2017-2018

October 20, 2017

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM. The following is a summary of the issues discussed and votes take at those meetings:

Old Business

The MSSU Faculty Senate attempted to solicit a liaison for the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) from the Senate body. No one has volunteered yet, but we will have someone to attend the MAFS meeting in the spring of 2018.

New Business

The first item on the agenda for New Business was a discussion of the current wellness initiative. There was a significant discussion of both the wellness initiative and the new healthcare plans. Given the discussion, Faculty Senate will invite Evan Jewsbury to the November 6, 2017 meeting for further dialogue. The primary concern among faculty for the wellness initiative was the biometric data collection. There are other concerns regarding the new healthcare plans as well, including adding a middle option between the elite plan and the HSA, increasing the number of salary categories and adjusting rates adequately on a sliding scale, and trying to get healthier family members on the MSSU system to reduce costs for all employees.

The next item was a discussion of AP 17-18:05, which asked for clarification regarding the new official syllabus template. Senate discussed the official syllabus template and it was confirmed that only the yellow highlighted areas were required when submitting to the SCOCs and APC. This supports a shorter version of the Course Syllabi that allows for more flexibility across faculty course schedules, while maintaining the integrity of the important material. Moreover, the items in red must appear on all syllabi by university policy and thus it is assumed these items will be on the syllabi given to students; therefore, these items do not need to be on the syllabi sent around for course changes. Dr. Pishkur took this information back to APC and clarified the process.

Faculty Senate also discussed and approved the following APC Reports and Proposals:

- AP 17-18:01 – Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language - Approved.
- AP 17 – 18: 02 - Missouri Constitution communication – Approved.
- Education SCOC proposals: 4431990, 4431975, 4431957, 4432034, 4432015, 4437762, and 4432066 – Approved.
- Arts and Sciences SCOC proposals: AS 17-18:03, AS 17-18:04, AS 17-18:05, AS 17-18:06, AS 17-18:07, AS 17-18:08, AS 17-18:09, AS 17-18:13, AS 17-18:14, AS 17-18:15, and AS 17-18: 16 – Approved

The last item discussed was the communication from Graduate Council regarding Thesis vs. Non-Thesis graduate program requirements. There was a discussion that the requirements were a bit too vague and

also did not fully accommodate graduate programs already on campus. These comments and suggestions were compiled and sent to Graduate Council for revision.

The next senate meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas P. Nicoletti, Ph.D.
2017-2018 Faculty Senate President

Staff Senate Board Meeting Report

October 20, 2017

- Angel Tree Ad Hoc Committee: Applications for the Angel Tree program have been distributed. Pell eligible students with dependents (high school age or younger) receive assistance, by employees “adopting” a child and buying gifts for them.
- Legislative Oversight Committee: In the process of updating and streamlining the Staff Senate Bylaws. The committee expects to have the bylaws ready to be presented to the Staff Senate for approval by the November meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Fraser, President