

## ACADEMIC POLICY ISSUES /

There are several substantive issues the faculty will deliberate this semester through various committees of the Faculty Senate and through the administrative structure. They include:

- 🏛️ Student Residency: is the current policy of 30 of the last 36 consistent with our peers and reflective of today's student educational patterns?
- 🏛️ Upper Division: what does it mean to be in "upper division" in terms of curricular progression, learning outcomes and requirements?
- 🏛️ Bachelor of General Studies: we have about 200 students in this primary major. To optimize their academic opportunities, we are going to evaluate the feasibility of tracks and shared student learning outcomes.
- 🏛️ DFW Rates: we will identify some specific courses on which we will focus to understand and improve rates.
- 🏛️ CIP changes and their impact.
- 🏛️ Critical Thinking (and Communication) "minor" is being developed for potential inclusion in Yours to Lose curriculum as well as in others.
- 🏛️ Yours to Lose admissions criteria and curriculum are being developed. We will meet with the KCU team tomorrow.

## UPCOMING HLC VISIT TO JANE, MO /

Teacher Ed C and I Cohort

## "FOREIGN" LANGUAGES IS NOW "MODERN" LANGUAGES

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RESEARCH FAIR /

The annual Research Fair at Missouri Southern is a research competition that provides students the opportunity to showcase their work beyond the classroom setting to their fellow students, faculty, and community. Application and abstract due January 29, 2016. The Fair is to be held on April 18, 2016.

## YOU ARE INVITED /

Launch of VIVID, MSSU's new Fine Arts magazine. The celebration will be held on January 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Focal Point Gallery at 525 Main Street in Joplin.

## FACULTY FOCUS and KCU MOU

