

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

STATE UNIVERSITY

Division of Student Affairs Board of Governors Report November 20, 2015

Campus Updates

Open Registration for Spring Classes

Spring classes begin January 19th. Priority Registration for current MSSU students has ended. The University is offering “Open Registration” for any current or prospective MSSU student that would like to register for spring classes. The Advising Office is conducting outreach to current MSSU students that have not pre-registered for the spring semester.

First Year Experience

FYE and International Studies hosted Nellie Bennett, the author of “Only in Spain”, the 2015-2016 common read, on Nov. 18-19, 2015. Ms. Bennet gave three lectures, offered several opportunities for students to meet her and to have their books autographed by the author.

Veteran’s Services Coordinator

Student Affairs has combined open positions to create a Veteran’s Services Coordinator position. This position will serve as the primary point of contact for military service members, veterans and their dependents. This position will also be responsible for certifying veteran’s benefits.

Student Veterans Association Events

Student Affairs would like to say “Thank You” to the Student Veterans Organization for sponsoring a variety of events during Veteran’s Week, Nov. 7-14. Events included a Veterans Day Ceremony, with Rep. Charlie Davis, as the guest speaker, and a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon for MSSU and Community Veterans.

Bursar’s Office

- Spring 2016: Fees due date - January 27th, by 5:00 p.m.
- Payment plans are open
 - 6-pay plan is available through December 20
 - 5 and 4-pay plans are available through January 27
- Spring Bills will be mailed the first week of December
- Fall 2015: Record enrollment in payment plan with 944 students
 - Increase of 166 payment plans from Fall ‘14
 - Fall ‘15 payment plan enrollment fee revenue: \$33,250

University Police Department

- Officer Moorhouse completed Rape Aggression Defense training and will assist Chief Kennedy in offering women’s self-defense classes to the MSSU campus.
- Officer Sly attended a workshop in Tulsa, OK, that was sponsored by the Professional Law Enforcement Training Association – “Police and Minority Relations - Police lives matter, black lives matter, all lives matter”.

Safe Zone Committee

MSSU currently has 27 trained Safe Zone allies on campus. The committee is working with the Gay-Straight Alliance to add a permanent student liaison position to the committee. More information regarding MSSU Safe Zones can be found at mssu.edu/safe-zone.

Student Success Center

- Collaborating with the following departments to offer tutoring: Foreign Language, Kinesiology, Athletics, and Business
- Collaborating with the following departments to provide Supplemental Instruction: Kinesiology, Biology, Project Stay, and Math Department
- Stephanie Hopkins, Director of the Student Success Center had an article published in the National College Learning Center Association's November 2015 Newsletter
- Debbie Fort, Academic Skills Specialist, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the College Reading and Learning Association, to assist in attending the International Workshop on Supplemental Instruction (event to be held at UMKC)
- Student Disability Services has proctored 102 tests so far this semester
- Tutoring numbers are as follows:
 - Student Success Center-641 sessions for a total of 557 hours
 - Project Stay-154 sessions for a total of 128 hours
 - Business- 173 sessions for an estimated total of 170 hours
 - SI hours 115 sessions for a total of 113 hours

Project Stay

- Dory Quinn, PS Director, had a proposal accepted for the annual Educational Opportunity Association conference and traveled to Grand Rapids, MI in November to present a session titled, "Traditional and Nontraditional First-Generation Students: Is a One-Size-Fits-All Approach in TRIO Programs Effective?"

Missouri Chief Student Affairs Officers Meeting

- Legislative Update Jeremy Knee, MDHE
 - Higher Education Funding Status
 - Immigration Status Bills
 - HB 3 & SB 224 – Require citizen/permanent resident status for scholarships & in-state tuition
 - Draft Legislation being prepared for Student Legislative Intern Training
- Campus Updates & Challenges
 - Tuberculosis Screening (handling, process, and support from the State)
 - Fair Labor Standards Act changes for 2016
 - Title IX Student Training
- Office of Civil Rights & Legal Presentation
 - Legal Updates
 - Disabilities and disruptions in the classroom
 - Pregnancy and student disability
 - Transgender restrooms & locker rooms (recent legislation in Pittsburgh)
 - Title IX & off-campus events (University of Kansas & University of Vermont)
 - Status of gun control legislation