

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

STATE UNIVERSITY

Division of Student Affairs Board of Governors Report April 15, 2016

Program Updates

- **Food Service Contract** – The University is currently in the process of reviewing proposals for its dining services contract. The contract would handle all catering, residence hall meal plans, and retail operations. MSSU is currently in the fifth year of a five-year contract.
- **Dolence Leadership & Service Awards** – The 25th Annual Dr. Glenn Dolence Leadership & Service Awards Ceremony was held on April 14, 2016. This event is sponsored by Student Affairs and Omicron Delta Kappa. Thirty-eight MSSU students were honored for their leadership, service and volunteer efforts. The Leader of the Year award was presented to Eli Moran, Senior Biology major.
- **Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit** – Scheduled for May 19-20, 2016, is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to hear lessons learned from communities across the Midwest that experienced some of the worst natural disasters from the last decade. The two-day summit offers first-hand perspectives from leaders and elected officials guiding communities through the long-term process of community recovery that continues even today. The conference kicks off with a panel discussion, “The Road to Resilience,” featuring the mayors and city managers from disaster-affected communities, including Greensburg, Kansas; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Moore, Oklahoma; Minot, North Dakota; Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Joplin, Missouri. The panel will be moderated by Beth Freeman, Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VII (Kansas City). Keynote speaker, Dr. Leonard Marcus, from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Public Policy, will speak on “Crisis Leadership.”
- **Southern Welcome Enrollment Activities**
 - Transfer Student Southern Welcome enrolled 117 students on April 13, 2016.
 - Honors Signing/Southern Welcome – have 150 students reserved for April 2016.
- **Residence Hall Update** – Quad Residence Halls 202 students, with 221 students on the waiting list; Total housing applications – 686.

Financial Aid

- 2016-2017 processing - We have received 5,583 FAFSAs to date. We are packaging awards (1,667 finished already) and are notifying students with missing documents.
- Summer 2016 Financial Aid request forms are now available online or in the FA Office. 251 students have been awarded summer aid so far.

Student Support Services

- Student Success Center has completed 646 hours of tutoring as of April 8, 2016.

- Student Success Center has completed 202 hours of Supplemental Instruction as of April 8, 2016 (A&P I and Math 030).
- Advising ACTS Majors-379 appointments or contacts.
- Advising Non-ACTS Majors-143 appointments or contacts.
- AT Risk outreach - Lion Alert referrals 219.
- Counseling - 102 Counseling sessions (6 crisis/ 2hospitalizations) March-April 7.
- The testing lab upgrade is in progress with a projected completion of May 2016.
- Testing gross revenue generated from March- April 7th through our computer/internet based testing is \$6,361.

Career Services

- Education Career Fair, March 16 – 53 students and alumni attended to visit with 28 employers. Student and alumni attendance was slightly up from 49 in 2015; a proposal has been submitted to combine this fair with the Spring Career Fair.
- Dress to Impress Event, March 31 – 237 students received professional clothing and accessories. Over 75 campus and community volunteers helped to sort and organize items before the event and assisted students with clothing selection during the event.
- Spring Career Fair, April 6 – 318 students and alumni attended to visit with 111 employers. Student and alumni attendance was up from 273 in 2015.
- The Super Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held April 30 from 2 - 3 pm in the BSC Ballroom.

Student Activities

- Alpha Sigma Alpha partnered with the Lafayette House to host their annual ‘Take Back the Night’ on Thursday, April 14th on the Oval. ‘Take Back the Night’ is an event to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. Students, staff, and community members are able to learn about domestic violence, steps for prevention, and ways to find support.
- Black Student Union hosted ‘Bridging the Gap’, a diversity workshop highlighting the circumstances in the greater St. Louis area that contributed to the issues in areas such as the city of Ferguson. The students presented on national findings of the relationship between police and community members.