

STUDENT AFFAIRS



Student Affairs Board of Governors Report

June 14, 2017

- **MSSU Approval** - MSSU has been approved for federal recertification for Financial Aid dollars through 3/31/2023 by the United States Department of Education.
- **Federal Legislative Watch** - In total, 13 different federal student aid-related bills were introduced last month on Capitol Hill. In addition, the funding bill that restored "year-round Pell" was signed into law in May. We are currently monitoring a bill that would extend the Perkins Loan Program; another that would repeal the ban on the collection of student-level data; and a bill that would significantly enhance the *Pell Grant Program*.
- **SB 52 - SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION** - This bill requires each public institution of higher education to develop and implement a policy to advise students and staff on suicide prevention programs available on and off campus. This includes, but is not limited to crisis intervention access, mental health program access, multimedia application access, student communication plans, and post intervention plans. This policy shall:
 - ◇ advise students, faculty, and staff of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior, and shall require training where appropriate.
 - ◇ provide all incoming students with information about depression and suicide prevention resources available to students.
 - ◇ establish and maintain methods of anonymous reporting of unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities.
- **Reassignment of Duties for Student Affairs** - With the departure of Dr. Ron Mitchell, Dean of Students, the duties of that position have been reassigned to the Dean of Student Success, Director of Student Life and the Vice President for Student Affairs. The department is currently cross training to divide the duties of student advocate, student conduct, and Title 9.
- **Testing Services** - Testing Services has received approval for a computer lab on the Crowder College-Jane campus as a MSSU testing site. MSSU's Teacher Education department has a cohort of students making application to our program at this site.
- **Spencer Bartlett Respect Awards** - The following students received the Spencer Bartlett Respect Awards for 2017: \$1,500 Winners - Blair Freed & Timothy Arr, \$1,000 Winners - Dana Stiles & Trent Hayes, \$600 Winners - Nicole Knoblauch & Caleb Stevens, \$500 Winners - Monica White & Gabe Patterson. (\$7,200 total awarded).
- **Fall Title 9 Training for the Board of Governors** - At the August 2017 meeting, we will provide information on the Fall 2017 Title 9 Training opportunities for the Board members.



By the Numbers

- BSC Annual Bookings - 2,015 bookings, 6,872 hours, over 24,000 participants.
- Testing Services Revenue - \$28,365
- Hire-A-Lion had 21,174 logins by students, faculty and staff.
- Registrar's Office processed 904 academic petitions and processed 48,026 grade entries.