

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY™

Division of Student Affairs Board of Governors Report August 21, 2015

Notes from the Vice President's Office

- **Project Stay** was notified that they have been approved for an additional 5 years of funding. Projected budget amount will be \$247,564 per year; total funding for the life of the grant \$1,237,820.
- **Safe Zone Training** – September 21, 1:30 - 3:30pm, Health Science, Room 167. The mission of the Safe Zone Ally Program is to provide a network of safe and supportive allies to the LGBTQ community at MSSU. Candice Moran, Clinical Psychologist with the University of Central Missouri, will present the training via a live web meeting format.
- **Community Day** – August 19, 2015 – 133 local businesses registered. This was our first year to offer sponsorship opportunities for this event. Premium table placement for \$200 – 11 sold. Total revenue generated for this event was \$5,525.
- **Meningitis Legislation** - The State of Missouri passed legislation that mandates any student living in college/university housing have the meningitis vaccine. The Health Center Staff, Residence Life Staff, and the Student Affairs Staff worked to make sure that all residence hall students were in compliance.
- **15 Under 40 Event** – Nicole Brown, Director of Career Services, has been selected by the Joplin Regional Business Journal as a 15 Under 40 award winner. This award is a recognition to honor young professionals who are making a name for themselves in the world of business. The honor is bestowed upon business executives, owners, teachers, directors, managers and any number of other professionals, all of whom are less than 40 years old.
- **Cheryl Dobson, Registrar** was elected to an executive officer position for the Missouri Association for Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers.

Residence Halls

- Capacity is 900; 833 student residents have checked in; 873 applications on file.

Lion Pride Weekend Events

- Convocation – Approximately 250 freshmen students participated in the First-Year Convocation. Each new student was presented with a Lion Medallion and was welcomed by the MSSU Administration.
- Outdoor Movie (Pitch Perfect 2) 228 student participants
- Toga Party – 284 student participants
- Campus Craze – 42 organizations and departments were represented at the event.
- Welcome Week Picnic – 1,664 people attended.
- President's Ice Cream Social – 330 bowls of ice cream were served in 2 hours.

Advising

- Working on plans for an improved advising model for MSSU.
- Working on potential enhancements to the MSSU Counseling Program.

Career Services

- Community Day – August 19, 2015 – 133 vendors registered. This was our first year to offer sponsor opportunities for this event with premium table placement for \$200 – 11 sold. Total generated for this event was \$5,525.
- Now accepting applications for the Fall Super Leaders program – applications due September 4
- First Career Coach Series: Leadership Lunch, September 15 – *Getting Involved On Campus and in the Community for Personal and Professional Success* - Joe Craigmile, SMB Bank (Staff are welcome to attend)

First Year Experience

- 25 sections of University Experience 100 offered in the Fall with 882 students enrolled
- Common Reader is Only in Spain by Nellie Bennett. She will visit campus in November.

Project Stay – Student Support Services

- Project Stay was notified that they have been approved for an additional 5 years of funding.
- Projected budget amount will be \$247,564 per year; total funding for the life of the grant \$1,237,820
- Project Stay also recently notified they have been awarded another grant from CashCourse to facilitate financial literacy activities in the Fall semester. This is the second consecutive grant received from the organization.

Student Success Center

- Fall UE 150 - we have eight sections.
- Conducted 1,530 hours of tutoring sessions for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Professional Development

- Disability Services - Attended the Association on Higher Education and Disability
- Student Success Center
 1. Webinar: "One to One Tutoring Works. A Look at the Efficacy of Online Student Support in Higher Education".
 2. Presentation: "Tutor Training Enhancements". Hosted by Missouri State University.
- University Police – Attended the Rape Aggression Defense Training Conference.
- Advising, Counseling and Testing
 1. Webinar: "Developing an Effective Academic Advising Protocol for Military Veterans"
 2. Webinar: "Intrusive Academic Advising: An Effective Strategy to Increase Student Success"
- Vice Presidents Office
 1. Husch Blackwell's Webinar, "Student Employees: Two Sets of Compliance Concerns".
 2. Webinar: "Using Smart Data for Smarter Solutions"
 3. "Dealing with Debt: Finding New Ways to Tackle Default Prevention and Financial Education".