

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY™

Division of Student Affairs Board of Governors Report September 18, 2015

Student Success Center Places Second in National Website Awards Competition

The Student Success Center at Missouri Southern State University has been awarded second place in the National College Learning Center / Learning Support Centers in Higher Education website excellence award competition. Prior award winners include: Clemson, University of Arizona, and the University of Oklahoma.

Career Services Receives Outstanding Community & Campus Collaboration Award

The MSSU Career Services Program sponsored by Student Affairs and Career Services has won the Outstanding Community & Campus Collaboration award presented by Missouri Campus Compact. This award recognizes a sustained campus-community partnership in the State of Missouri that demonstrates a true partnership between a college campus and a community agency. Missouri Campus Compact (MoCC) is a membership organization of college and university presidents established to strengthen civic engagement and service-learning partnerships between Missouri's postsecondary institutions and the communities they serve.

Project Stay (Student Support Services) Director Selected to Present at National Conference

Dory Quinn, Director of MSSU's Project Stay (Student Support Services) has been selected to present "Traditional & Nontraditional Students in TRIO – Is a One-Size-Fits-All Approach Effective?" The presentation will be presented at the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) conference. MAEOPP is a non-profit consortium of professionals with the specific purpose of leveling the playing field of educational opportunity for first-generation, low-income, underrepresented, disabled students and veterans.

Title IX Training

The Dean of Students continues to work with Husch Blackwell to update the University's Title IX Training for students, faculty, and staff. New training materials should be available after October 1, 2015.

FERPA Training

The Annual Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) information was distributed to the campus community. In addition, FERPA refresher seminars are being conducted from primary student service departments. Those trainings are Sept. 24th at 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. & September 25th at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Please contact the Registrar's Office for additional information.

Intrusive Academic Advising Training: An Effective Strategy to Increase Student Success

This webinar presented the principles, philosophy, outcomes, best practices, and successful implementation of Intrusive Academic Advising at two- and four-year colleges and universities across the U.S.

Supporting Transfer Student Training: Policies, Practices & Programs That Foster Academic Success

The training focused on identifying policies, practices, and programs that have potential impact on transfer student success; suggested potential improvements to existing policies, practices, and programs; proposed new ideas for working with the transfer population; and determined strategies for assessment of the elements that might better ensure transfer student success.

Taste of Spain Event

Taste of Spain was held from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, in Mayes Dining Hall. Prepared by Sodexo, the menu included chicken paella, tortilla de patatas, sherry garlic shrimp, chorizo and chicken rice pot, patata bravas, gazpacho, avocado and tuna tapas, churros, caramel flan, and more. Thank you to Jim Fleischaker for representing the Board of Governors at this event.

University Welcomes New Chef

MSSU would like to welcome Patrick Warren as the new campus chef with Sodexo. Mr. Warren was recently the sous chef for Emerson College in Boston MA, and is a graduate of the Atlantic Culinary Academy in Dover, NH.

University to Welcome Visiting Award-Winning Chef

MSSU will enjoy a visit from an award-winning chef from England, on October 1-2, 2015. Lea Eastman-Thompson, head chef, LVS Ascot. Lea was a bronze medal recipient at the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg. More than 1000 chefs competed in this event.

Financial Aid Updates

Changes to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Federal Government announced changes to the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) effective with the 2017-18 academic year. The prior-prior year (PPY) tax information will be used to allow students and families to:

- complete the FAFSA as early as October using the PPY's completed income tax information.
- submit a FAFSA with greater ease. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) transfers student's (and parent's) tax data directly into their FAFSA.
- obtain financial aid award notices earlier. By applying for aid further in advance, students have the opportunity to more thoroughly compare award packages and aid administrators can spend more time with students who truly need help.

Potential End to Perkins Loan Program

Perkins is a loan program that provides low-interest student loans to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. The Perkins Loan is made through the student's school's financial aid office. The school is the lender, and therefore the loan is repaid to the school. This program has the potential to go away after October 1, 2015 if a continuing resolution is not passed including it. Impact to MSSU: 258 students with \$446,034.00 for 2013-2014 year, averaging loans of \$1,728.81.