

Board of Governors Report – Academic Affairs
June 4, 2015

The 63rd **Commencement** ceremonies were held on Saturday, May 9th at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The graduating class included 647 students receiving 805 undergraduate degrees and 7 graduate degrees. The graduates represented 14 different countries, including BVI, China, Kenya, Netherlands, Mexico, and Sweden.

The Center for Assessment and Institutional Research has been renamed. It will now be more appropriately referred to as the **Office of Institutional Effectiveness**. A new director, Dr. Josie Welch, will be joining us on Monday, June 8th.

Members of the 2015-2016 **Faculty Senate Executive Committee** are:

- President – Brian Nichols (School of Business / Finance & Economics)
- President Elect – Bradley Creamer (School of Arts & Sciences / Biology)
- Secretary – Megan Bever (School of Arts & Sciences / Social Science, History)
- Parliamentarian – Nicholas Nicoletti (School of Arts & Sciences / Social Science, Political Science)
- At-Large – Leslie Smith (School of Arts & Sciences / Foreign Language)
- Past-President – Michael Garoutte (School of Arts & Sciences / Physical Science)

New hires:

- Dr. Nicole Shoaf – Assistant Professor, Political Science
- Ms. Robin Sisk – Visiting Assistant Professor, Music
- Mr. Jeremy Wolfe – Assistant Professor, Social Work

Retirements:

- Dr. David Ackiss - Professor, English & Philosophy
- Ms. Deborah Gerecke – Assistant Professor, Dental Hygiene
- Ms. Teresa Diane Moore – Assistant Professor, Dental Hygiene

Resignations:

- Ms. Rhonda Clark – Assistant Professor, Communication

Department Chair Changes:

- Dr. James Kilpatrick – Interim, Foreign Languages
- Dr. Crystal Lemmons – Interim, Biology (Fall semester)
- Dr. Vickie Roettger – Interim, Biology (Spring semester)

This will be my last Board of Governor's meeting as we will be welcoming Dr. Paula Carson to campus July 1st. Dr. Crystal Lemmons will be returning to the Biology Department. I would like to thank Crystal for her tireless service to MSSU and to each of you for your support over the last three years.