

August 2012

Dear colleagues,

Well, it's official. Summer is over and students are returning! Thanks for your good work in preparing for their arrival and the supportive welcome you will provide to them. Here are couple of updates and acknowledgements:

Remembering our colleague Drake Martin

As our friend and colleague Drake Martin has been laid to rest, I want to acknowledge him and his work. Drake was caring, capable, humble, funny and more, and his contribution to the life of the University of Northern Iowa was immense. I know we will miss him as we welcome new students to campus this week. Please keep him in your thoughts, but know that he would want us to keep a smile on our face. Thanks to everyone who helped with the arrangements for Drake's memorial celebration. It was, indeed, memorable. Finally, I want to acknowledge the role that former Director of Residence Bob Hartman played throughout this ordeal. His leadership and compassion, as well as his love for Drake and his family, were evident. Thanks, Bob.

Mike Perez joins Admissions staff

Mike Perez, a recent UNI graduate who has been an intern at Admissions, will serve as Multicultural Admissions Counselor this coming year. Mike received his bachelor's degree in history and served as a resident assistant and a student staffer at Student Financial Aid. Mike will begin in the Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs program on a part-time basis while working. Welcome, Mike.

Search for Assistant Vice President closed

The search for an Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of Residence has been concluded without a hire. I appreciate the fine work of the search committee and all of those who took time to participate in the interview process. Once it has been determined how we will proceed, I will be certain to inform everyone. In the meantime, Carol Petersen will continue to serve as interim Executive Director. Thanks to all who are taking on additional work as a result of this vacancy. Your commitment and service are greatly appreciated.

New staff join Residence Life team

Director of Residence Life Lyn Redington has announced the followed new additions to the Residence Life team. Please join me in welcoming them to the UNI and Student Affairs communities:

Roxie Tucker, RLC, Lawther

Jantzen Eddington, RLC, ROTH
Britt Hudson, RLC, Shull
Chris Brown, ARLC, Dancer
Laura Trettin, ARLC, Campbell

Military and Veterans Student Services Coordinator to be hired

President Allen made a commitment recently to fund a new full time position of Military and Veterans Student Services Coordinator. This is in response to a recommendation made by the Veterans Student Services Advisory Committee and supported by the UNI Student Veterans Association. This full time coordinator will take up the role played on a part-time basis by Assistant Registrar Jennifer Suchan who will continue until a full-time staffer is hired. The new coordinator will report to Dean of Students Dr. Leslie Williams. I'll share further details on this effort as they are developed.

In the meantime, special thanks to Jennifer (and Dan Schofield before her) for their leadership of the advisory committee and to the committee members for their thoughtful and careful assessment and planning in this area. Current committee members are:

Coordinator (chair)	Jennifer Suchan
Academic Affairs	Kenneth Atkinson
Academic Learning Center	Nick Sullivan
Academic Advising	Josh Sankey
Compliance & Equity Management	Gwenne Berry
Faculty/staff at-large	Major Kristy Rose
Faculty/staff at-large	Dr. Joe Gorton
Faculty/staff at-large	Dr. Lindsay Cohn
Community	Erin Siniff
Community	Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Roletto
Continuing/Distance Education	Karen Cunningham
University Relations	Jim O'Connor
Admissions	Dan Schofield
Financial Aid	Renae Mulder
Veterans Certifying Official	Tricia Johnson-Welter
Counseling	Ruby Casiano
Student Disability Services	Ashley Brickley
Student Health Clinic	Nan Ambrosy
Military Science/ROTC	Lt. Col. John Roadcap
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Chris Crews-Larsen
Student, NISG	Tim Tolliver
UNI Student Veterans Association	Ron DeVoll

NASPA IV-E 2013 Conference Committee seeks Iowa participation

If you have an interest in serving on the conference planning committee for the fall 2013 regional conference, let me know as I have an opportunity to nominate someone from Iowa to serve. Areas of needs are sponsorships and technology/web; in both cases there is good support from outgoing committee members.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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