

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Thanks for all of the great work this semester. As it winds down, I hope you will have some quality time with family and friends. Here is some news about our work that might be of interest to you:

## **Important Dates**

December 2015

18 – Fall academic semester ends

19 – Fall Commencement, 11 am, McLeod Center

January 2016

7 – Student Affairs Staff Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 am -1:30 pm, Maucker Union

11 – Classes begin, 8 am

18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

20 – POSTPONED - Town Hall Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion

October 2016

1 – Homecoming

21-23 – Family Weekend

## **Staff updates**

-- Nicole Lehman, Financial Aid Counselor, has taken on new responsibilities for the Federal Work Study and TEACH Grant programs.

-- Felicia Carrillo, Financial Aid Counselor, has taken on new responsibilities for scholarships and financial literacy.

-- Tammi Dean, Clerk III, has taken a position in Human Resources starting January 1. Tammi has worked in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for 16 years. Thanks, Tammi!

-- Robin Wilson joined the Office of Admissions as a Record Analyst on November 24. Robin brings with her years of experience from her current position in the School of Music.

-- Eshraq Alkhabbaz, Admissions, has accepted a position at Southeast Missouri State University as an international student recruiter. Her last day will be December 21. Thanks, Eshraq!

-- Kristen Soppe has transitioned into a new role, moving from Admissions to the Office of the Registrar and working in customer service.

-- Malorie Klunenberg joins the Office of the Registrar as a systems specialist, devoting her efforts to imaging and reporting.

-- Shannon Seehase has transitioned from Career Services to the Office of the Registrar, working with registration, schedule of classes and catalogue.

-- Megan Wheeler, graduate assistant, joins the Office of the Registrar as a Clerk IV, working with registration and catalogue.

- Wendy Mulder has changed roles within the Office of the Registrar, moving from Clerk III to Systems Specialist in reporting.
- Carol Petersen, Director of Dining Services, has announced her retirement. See story below for more details.

### **Facility updates**

- The project to repair the Maucker Union roof is nearing completion. Work on the project is tentatively scheduled to be completed the week of December 14.
- The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships customer service area is being redesigned with new reception stations and the addition of a handicap-accessible station. The office will also gain two small counseling rooms and one permanent office for the call and email center.
- The WRC is undergoing three construction projects over winter break. Two of the main hallways are getting new paint along with significant upgrades in graphic design. The two free weight rooms are receiving new rubber flooring and a new steam line is being installed in the west corridor to enhance energy management.
- Renovation is underway in Lawther Hall. Highlights will include air conditioning, an elevator, three new handicap-accessible entrances, and private and semi-private restrooms. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

### **Dining director announces retirement**

With over 35 years of university dining management experience, Carol Petersen recently announced her retirement, effective January 5, 2016. Prior to her seven and a half years of service as director of dining at UNI, Carol served as associate director of residential dining at Iowa State University. Carol has contributed much to building one of the finest university dining programs in the country and was recently presented the National Association of Colleges and University Food Services 2015 Midwest Region Distinguished Service Award.

In announcing her retirement, Carol stated "I feel very fortunate to have worked with such an amazing, hardworking and dedicated staff. Together we have accomplished a great deal." Thank you, Carol, for your outstanding leadership and committed service!

### **Nominations sought for Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Women in Leadership**

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to apply for this year's Sue Follon Scholarship, an award of \$5,000. The scholarship is annually awarded to an undergraduate student who has contributed as a leader while at UNI and shows a potential to model leadership for women. The student must have completed 30 credit hours at UNI, be enrolled in at least twelve credit hours, and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2016; interested students need to complete the UNI Scholarship Application which can be found [here](#).

### **UNI Aquatics featured in Campus Rec Magazine**

Our very own aquatic center was recently featured in a [story](#) highlighting certification courses as well as youth programs. Campus Rec Magazine provides solution-based resources to university recreation professionals. The magazine applauded our staff and student workers who are consistently providing excellent courses to members of our local and surrounding communities in their life guard training, CPR, first aid, and various other youth programs. Congratulations to our hard working staff and student workers!

### **Residence Life staff excel at annual UMR-ACUHO conference**

Recently, seven professionals from our Residence Life staff attended the Association of College & University Housing Officers Conference for the Upper Midwest Region. Coree Burton, Erica Eischen, Ellie Hail-Langner, Nick Mulholland, Nick Rafanello, Roxie Tucker and Lauren Wypiszynski gave presentations on a range of topics relating to on-campus student housing. Coree Burton and Nick Rafanello received honors by being elected to high ranking positions within their committees. Thank you for all of your hard work; our students are lucky to have such a devoted staff committed to making their experience here a better one!

### **Student receives outstanding delegate award at conference**

Jack Ave, a junior from Milford, IA, was recently awarded the Most Outstanding Delegate Award at the American Model United Nations Conference (AMUN) in Chicago. Ave participated within the registered UNI student organization, Model United Nations Competition Team, which aims to provide students an inside look at what goes on in real United Nations sessions as well as to provide valuable experience in the political world. Congratulations, Jack, on your well-deserved award!

### **Students and staff attend conference concerning student issues**

Eleven students, along with Mark Rowe-Barth and Shawna Haislet from Student Wellness Services and Lindsey Wagner from the Riverview Center in Cedar Falls, attended "Students Originating Solutions" this December at

Drake University. The conference covered topics such as: race relations, mental health, sexual assault/interpersonal violence and LGBTQ issues. The team learned strategies to confront these issues on our campus and hopes to implement positive change moving forward.

### **Intramural football team qualifies for nationals in Florida**

Team UNIted won the UNI Intramural Flag Football Championship which qualified them for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) regional flag football tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. They won the regional and qualified for the nationals which will be played in Florida in January. Good luck at nationals, Team UNIted!

### **Staff attend national conference on student life facilities**

Mike Bobeldyk from Maucker Union, Chris Denison from Recreation Services and Amy Selzer from Facilities Planning attended the "Revitalizing Your Student Life Facilities" conference in Dallas last month. The three gained valuable knowledge in the area of future planning of student centers, recreation facilities, residence life facilities and dining services. Highlights included review of project collaborations at other schools, master planning information, and a tour of Southern Methodist University's student life facilities.

### **MLK Day of Service Grant awarded to Service and Leadership Council**

Shelby Yates, a sophomore majoring in Leisure, Youth & Human Services, with assistance from Kristina Kofoot, a graduate student also studying Leisure, Youth & Human Services, submitted a grant proposal on behalf of the Service and Leadership Council Days of Service Committee and won an award in the amount of \$2,000. The committee plans on using the money to package 25,000 rice and bean meals for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Join me in congratulating them on this notable accomplishment!

### **New financial aid counseling program created for transfer students**

Beginning spring semester, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is piloting a "Transfer Success Counseling Program." All new transfers are highly encouraged to participate in a one-on-one financial aid counseling session. During those sessions, information will be provided regarding previous borrowing, resources, budgeting, and how to avoid common pitfalls that result in negative financial consequences. All transfer students (new and current) are welcome to schedule an appointment. A \$500 scholarship will be given to one of the participants. The program is off to a great start with more than 60 new spring transfers signing up at transfer orientation.

This will be my last newsletter to you as I transition to my new role. As I said in my announcement message, know that your work is appreciated and that you indeed make a difference in the lives of our students. Best wishes for success in the future.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed!

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