



Division of Student Affairs

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Dear colleagues,

I hope you're staying safe and warm during this snowy season. Here are some updates about our division and its work that might be of interest to you.

Student Affairs staff recognized with Diversity Matters Awards

Three Student Affairs Division staff members were among the eight individuals honored with a Diversity Matters Award this year. Paul Sapp and Bryant Dowd of Admissions and Kathy Green of University Health Services were presented with the award during the Sixth Annual Diversity Town Hall on January 22. Congratulations to all three and thanks for your continued commitment!

Professional Development Committee set next session

The next Student Affairs Division professional development session will be on February 20. Steffoni Schmidt, Program Coordinator for Community Service and Greek Life, will lead the session entitled "Running on Empty: Ways to Stay Fueled Up at Work." The program will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. at the Center for Multicultural Education. More information on the session and registration information may be found [here](#).

UNI Career Services hosted 38th Annual Overseas Recruiting Fair

The Annual UNI Overseas Recruiting Fair for Educators, hosted by the Office of Career Services, took place from January 29 to February 2 in Waterloo. The fair, which began in 1976, is the oldest international education recruitment event in the world. It helps connect American school teachers with jobs teaching in American schools overseas. This year 138 K-12 schools located in countries around the world sent staff to the event where they interviewed 660 teachers who registered for the event. Congratulations to Tracey Godon and her colleagues at Career Services for producing another outstanding event!

"Leadership for Diversity Inclusion" workshops scheduled

As you and your staff prepare for the coming spring, please encourage colleagues to register for a *Leadership for Diversity Inclusion* workshop sponsored by the UNI-NCBI. Dates for this spring are:

-- Wednesday, March 12, 8:30 am - 4 pm

-- Friday, April 11, 8:30 am - 4 pm

-- Thursday and Friday, May 15 & 16, 9 am - 12:30 pm

-- Monday and Tuesday, June 23 & 24, 9 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch and snacks are provided at each workshop. All participants must pre-register and be available to stay the full time. The workshop is offered free to all faculty, students, and staff. Each workshop is facilitated by volunteer faculty, students and staff who are certified through the National Coalition Building Institute (ncbi.org).

To register, please visit: www.ncbiworkshop.eventbrite.com/

UNI veterans visit the Statehouse

In late January, the University of Northern Iowa had the privilege of presenting for the Iowa House Veterans Affairs Committee. Julia Heuer, coordinator of UNI's Military and Veteran Student Services, was among those who spoke on UNI's effort to both educate and provide jobs for returning veterans. Students members of the UNI Veterans Association (UNIVA), Alex Mackey and Jeremy Rosel also attended. They testified about the role of the UNIVA in connecting them to campus and supporting their transition to civilian life. The full story may viewed [here](#) under the January 31 blog post.

Kratz named as chair of the Post-Secondary Education Partnership Committee

Lisa Kratz, Director of Maucker Union, was recently named as the new chair of the Post-Secondary Education Partnership Committee. The committee was founded and most recently chaired by Bob Frederick. The committee's mission is to provide opportunities for the development and coordination of programs, activities, and co-curricular experiences that enrich both the Division of Student Affairs and the Post-Secondary Education: Student Affairs master's program. Thanks, Bob, for your leadership in bringing this endeavor to life and best wishes to Lisa in this new role.

Student Employment duties shift to career services

Student Employment services were recently transitioned from the Office of Student Financial Aid to the Office of Career Services. The transition was made largely to better align student employment with student professional development and career preparation. Following the transition, all levels of employment will be housed in the same unit along with coop and internships. Career Services intends to continue improving upon the services offered in Student Employment, including upgrading the online job board technology. Sarah Goblirsch, Assistant Director of Career Services, is now serving as the Career Services point person for Student Employment.

Special thanks to all those in Student Financial Aid and Career Services who have worked collaboratively to make this change that will help students to succeed.

Lyn Redington named new advisor to SAPA

Lyn Redington recently took on the position of advisor to the Student Affairs Pre-Professional association (SAPA). SAPA is a student organization that provides professional development, mentoring, and networking opportunities to graduate students in the Post-Secondary Educational: Student Affairs program and to undergraduate students interested in student affairs.

Jaime Workman joins faculty in PSE program

Dr. Jamie Workman recently joined the UNI community as a new faculty member in the Post-Secondary Education: Student Affairs program. Dr. Workman received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University before completing a Master's degree in Student Affairs Administration from Indiana State University in 2001. In 2013, she earned her PhD in Higher Education from Ohio University. Prior to coming to UNI, she spent over 6 years as an Assistant Director of Residence Life at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Workman's research interests include academic and career decision making and academic advising. Professionally, her interests include diversity education, student development theory, and student affairs administration. Please help welcome Dr. Jaime Workman to the UNI community.

The 24th Annual UNI RA Conference reaches record numbers

The Annual UNI RA Conference, themed "RAs are One in a Minion", was hosted January 24-26. Almost 500 RAs and 90 advisors from 48 different schools across the Midwest attended this year to make it the largest UNI RA Conference to date! The planning committee, which helped to make the conference such a huge success, included David Schmid, Deb McConahie, Laura Tretting, Ellie Hail, Nathan Davis, Mitch Holmes, Lameika McCray-Fenton, Cynthia Carrazco, Caleb Claus, Effie Constantino, Jessa Drake, Jared Barkley, Matt Roghair, Sam Brown, and Morgan Misfeldt. Thanks to all for the great work.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed!

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