



Division of Student Affairs

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Dear colleagues,

Hope you are surviving the heat wave and beginning to think about this coming fall. We've had a great summer orientation, Panther Village is ready for new students, and our new Dean of Students Leslie Williams starts on Monday. Here are some updates you may be interested in:

Redington concludes service as interim Dean of Students

As new Dean of Students Dr. Leslie Williams begins her appointment next week, I want to thank Lyn Redington for her outstanding service as interim Dean of Students. We have all benefited from her "double duty" over the past eight months where she maintained her responsibilities as Director of Residence Life while providing exceptional service as Dean. Thank you, Lyn, for your leadership and service.

Professional Development Committee appointed

I am pleased to announce that Shelley Matthews will serve as chair of our new division Professional Development Committee. Other committee members are Carol Fletcher, Carol Geiger, Jennifer Bell, Jennifer Suchan, Paul Sapp, Tabatha Cruz, Tim Klatt, Matthew Nuese, Ashley Brickley, Deborah McConahie and Pam Creger. The committee will pick up on the work of last year's task force and begin planning activities for the coming year. Thanks to Shelley for agreeing to chair and to all for serving.

Casiano completes licensing requirements

David Towle, Director of Counseling Services, has recently announced that Dr. Ruby Casiano has successfully completed all requirements to be licensed as a psychologist in the state of Iowa, effective June 4, 2012. Licensure is granted by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Professional Licensure, following completion of an approved doctoral program in psychology, completion of a 2,000 hour pre-doctoral internship, one year of supervised post-doctoral clinical experience, and passing the national Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). Dr. Casiano is a 2010 graduate of the University of Oklahoma's doctoral program in Counseling Psychology. Congratulations, Ruby.

Division IT staff to relocate

Plans are underway to relocate the division's central IT staff to the Office of the Registrar. Registrar Phil Patton has worked with Facilities Planning and affected staff to develop a plan to reconfigure the Registrar's Office to allow Sam Barr, Mike Holmes and Rachel Jones to be housed together in the east end of the office. The minor renovation

will also help Registrar's staff with some of their needs. The work is expected to be concluded by the beginning of spring term.

Godon honored with Friend of Tourism Award

Tracey Godon, Senior Assistant Director of Career Services and Director of the UNI Overseas Placement Service for Educators, was recently honored as a "Waterloo Friend of Tourism" by the Waterloo Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tracey was honored for her leadership of the UNI Overseas Teaching Fair. The fair continues to grow, last year attracting more than 1200 teachers and recruiters to the Cedar Valley. Great work, Tracey.

SAVE THE DATE: 2012 Iowa Regents Institutions Disability Awareness Summit

On Wednesday, October 10, 2012, UNI will host the 2012 Iowa Regents Institutions Disability Awareness Summit in the Commons Slife Ballroom. The day-long event will include a keynote session in the morning focusing on accessible/assistive technology and a variety of break-out sessions in the afternoon covering topics such as student disability services, universal design in learning, and employee disability and wellness. Faculty, staff and students will all be invited to attend. For additional information, please click [here](#). More information will be added as speakers and workshops are confirmed.

WRS welcomes new Sport Clubs Coordinator

Sean Willett, a graduate of Valdosta State University in Georgia, has been appointed Sport Clubs Coordinator at WRS. According to WRS Director Kathy Green, there many qualified applicants and it was a very competitive (and time consuming) process.

Special thanks go out to search chair Kristi O'Brien and search committee members Barb Shepard, Cindy Klatt, Mike Bobeldyk, Marcus Norris and Nick Maddix. Please join me in welcoming Sean to campus.

Reminder from Student Disability Services & Employee Disability Services

Therese Callaghan, Employee Disability and Leave Coordinator, and Ashley Brickley, Coordinator of Student Disability Services, would like to remind everyone to make sure you are including notes of accommodation on all of your publicity and invites for events and meetings. Suggested language: *Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Northern Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact (include name of contact).* This simple act can help ensure that all feel welcome and accepted at all of our functions.

Enrollment Summit held July 12

Over 75 faculty, staff and student leaders gathered earlier this month with President Allen and Provost Gibson to discuss the university's enrollment. The day-long session focused on the competitive and public policy environment, current recruitment practices, and opportunities for improvement and stronger partnership across campus. Special thanks go out to Director of Admissions Christie Kangas, Communication Specialist Paige Everly and other Student Affairs staff who helped plan and then participated in the meeting.

As was shared at the Summit, fall enrollment will likely be lower this fall. This is due to improved graduation rates of our current students and a two-year decline in the number of high school graduates in Iowa.

Rowe-Barth elected to P&S Council leadership

Congratulations to Mark Rowe-Barth, Substance Abuse & Violence Intervention Services Coordinator at Wellness and Recreation Services, on his recent election as President of the P&S Council. Also, Todd Thomas, Residential Technology Support Coordinator at DOR, will be serving the remainder of Jessie Stinson's term as a member of the Council. Congratulations, Mark and Todd.

Leen co-authors journal article

WRS Personal Fitness Coordinator Kristy Leen co-authored an article that appeared in the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association *Recreational Sports Journal*, April 2012 issue. The article, entitled *University Student Interest and Use of Personal Training Services*, was a collaborative effort between the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services and Wellness and Recreation Services. Congratulations, Kristy, on this significant achievement.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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