

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dear colleagues,

Thanks to all for the good work that continues to occur across campus. Since opening only a few short weeks ago, we've had some exciting times, a tremendous amount of student activity, and continual planning for improvement of our efforts. Thanks for your continuing hard work and commitment.

Here are some updates that might be of interest to you:

## **Important dates**

September 2015

21 – Job and Internship Fair

PLUS 30 – Thinking About

Grad School

October 2015

8 – Faculty & Staff First-Year Student

Forum 12-18 – Homecoming Week

12 – Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds Roundtable, 10:30 am, Slife

Ballroom 14 – Campus-wide Homecoming Picnic

16 – Foundation Board Meeting

16-17 – Sigma Alpha Epsilon 110th Anniversary

Reunion 16 – Cedar Valley Diversity and Inclusion

Summit

17 – Fraternity and Sorority Life Alumni

Reunion 17 – Homecoming Parade

17 – Football vs. Western Illinois

21-22 – Board of Regents Meeting, Iowa

City 27 – Student Affairs P&S Staff

Meeting

28 – Graduation Fair

November 2015

6-8 – Family Weekend

18 – Student Affairs Professional Development Conference

December 2015

2 – Board of Regents Meeting (telephonic)

10 – International Students and Scholars Graduation Reception

19 – Fall Commencement

January 2016

7 – Student Affairs Staff Recognition Luncheon

20 – Town Hall Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion

## **Staff updates**

-- Roger Johnson, Motor Vehicle Operator II in the Department of Residence, retired on September 1. Roger provided quality service with a warm smile for over 30 years at UNI. We hope Roger transitions to a more leisurely pace in retirement.

-- Curlie Loggins, Custodian I in the Department of Residence, passed away on Wednesday, September 9. Curlie

served the University for over ten years, with many years in the Rod Library as a Library Assistant. We extend our condolences to all of Curlie's family and friends.

-- Jennifer Suchan, Assistant Registrar, has been named Senior Associate Registrar at Iowa State University. Congratulations, Jennifer, and thank you for your contributions and leadership in the variety of roles you held at UNI. Jennifer's last day at UNI is September 18. Stop by to wish her well as she steps into this new leadership role.

-- Irene Elbert, Office Coordinator II in the Registrar's Office, will retire on October 2. Thank you, Irene, for over 39 years of dedicated service to UNI. We wish you the best as you begin the next chapter in your life.

### **Volunteers needed: Student conduct advisors, Conduct Board members**

Last year, the Student Conduct Code was revised as was the Student Conduct Board process. As a result the Office of the Dean of Students is seeking volunteers to serve as conduct advisors or conduct board members. Applications for faculty and students interested in serving on conduct boards are [here](#) and are due by Monday, September 28, at 5 pm.

The office is also offering advisor training for any faculty, staff or students interested in serving as an advisor for students participating in the conduct process. The goal of this effort is to make volunteer advisors available to students filing complaints under the conduct code as well as to those responding to complaints. No application is required, but training is. The training will be held on Wednesday, September 30, from 4-5 pm at Gilchrist 009.

No advance registration is required.

### **Applications sought for New Professionals Institute scholarships**

The New Professionals Institute (NPI) is the preeminent professional development opportunity for new student affairs professionals in the Midwest. Held in conjunction with the NASPA 4E Regional Conference, NPI is an intensive, interactive opportunity for learning, sharing, networking, and professional and personal development. This year's Institute will be held November 7-8 in the greater Chicago area. NPI allows new professionals to draw on their first years of experience to improve their effectiveness and to learn from others. Designed with the professional with one to five years of experience in mind, it is a time of professional and personal renewal and assists new professionals in the development of their careers. Details are [here](#).

If you are interested in being considered for a "full-ride" scholarship to this unique professional development opportunity, please provide a current resume, a brief note of support from your supervisor, and a one-page letter outlining your current career goals and the relationship of those goals to this opportunity. These should be provided to Carol Fletcher or Tim Klatt, co-chairs of our Professional Development Committee, by October 1 at 5 PM. The professional development committee will review all applications and recommend those to be selected. This scholarship will also include support to participate in the regional conference which follows the Institute. Details on the conference are [here](#).

### **Mulder, Haislet recognized**

Wendy Mulder, Clerk III in the Office of the Registrar, was recently awarded the Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers "Staff Support Award," which recognizes the outstanding contribution of support staff to their institution and the Association. Congratulations, Wendy!

Also, join me in congratulating Shawna Haislet on her new credential as a Certified Sexual Health Educator. Shawna put a considerable amount of work into achieving this goal over the past year. Way to go, Shawna!

### **Fall semester "Insights for Effectiveness" program announced**

The Student Affairs Diversity Committee is pleased to announce its next Insights for Effectiveness program entitled "The Importance of Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities." Twenty-five years after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities have more opportunity than at any time in history. More and more high school students with disabilities are planning to continue their education in postsecondary schools, including vocational schools, colleges, and universities. Nonetheless, postsecondary students with disabilities experience unique challenges that require proper attention.

Please consider attending this important program which will be held in the Maucker Ballroom on Monday, October 5, at 9 AM and again on Tuesday, October 6, at 1:30 PM. Registration/details [here](#).

### **Van Gorp to present workshop on innovation**

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee is pleased to present on Thursday, September 24, at 1

PM at Maucker University Room: An Innovation Workshop: How to Fast Track Your Ideas by Dr. Stacy Van Gorp, executive director of the McElroy Trust. At this workshop, you'll have a chance to try out a tool to refine and test your idea before you launch! This tool provides a framework to become more systematic about innovation in your organization. It's a great tool for self-starters and innovators. It's also great for leaders who work with teams that have multiple ideas at once! Bring an innovative idea to this session and putt the "work" in workshop! To attend, register [here](#).

### **Calls for programs announced for Fall Professional Development Conference**

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee will be hosting its 2015 fall conference, "Make It Happen, Make It Matter," to be held on Wednesday, November 18, from 8 am - noon. The committee is seeking proposals for conference presentations. To submit electronically, go [here](#). Proposal deadline is Tuesday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Don't miss your chance to connect . . .**

Student Affairs has several affinity groups that might be your perfect fit. An affinity group is a group formed around a shared interest or common goal to which individuals formally or informally belong. An affinity group can last as long as the group is active or until a specific activity is done. Keep an eye out for new affinity groups that you may be interested in joining [here](#). If you are interested in forming an affinity group, please provide the requested information [here](#).

For more information, feel free to contact the Professional Development Committee co-chairs: Tim Klatt ([timothy.klatt@uni.edu](mailto:timothy.klatt@uni.edu)) or Carol Fletcher ([carol.fletcher@uni.edu](mailto:carol.fletcher@uni.edu)).

### New Professionals

Contacts: Ashley Minshall and Britt Hudson, [ashley.minshall@uni.edu](mailto:ashley.minshall@uni.edu) or [britt.hudson@uni.edu](mailto:britt.hudson@uni.edu), 319-273-6849 or 319-273-2552

Description: For those in their profession 1-5 years, this is a great way to meet other new professionals at UNI in all areas of campus in a more informal, social atmosphere. Meeting through fall semester or as long as there is interest.

### Leadership Book Club

Contact: Mike Weiglein, [michael.weiglein@uni.edu](mailto:michael.weiglein@uni.edu), 319-273-2784

Description: Mike Weiglein, certified coach, teacher and speaker of the John Maxwell Team will lead a book discussion on leadership. Proposing start in October; one day per week.

### Working Mothers

Contact: Jenny Connolly, [jenny.connolly@uni.edu](mailto:jenny.connolly@uni.edu), 319-273-2281

Description: Being a working mother definitely has its challenges and its rewards. Find practical support as well as inspiration, motivation and fun with other working mothers. Starting fall semester as a brown bag lunch gathering and meeting through fall semester or as long as there is interest.

### **Informational session offered on revised Student Conduct Code**

The Office of the Dean of Students will be hosting an informational session on the revised Student Conduct Code. Anyone interested in learning about the major changes to the code may attend on Wednesday, September 23, 3 -4 pm, Maucker Union Elm Room. No advance registration is required.

### **Division staff appointed to new roles**

I am pleased to announce a number of appointments to roles of importance to our work:

-- DOR's David Schmid has been appointed to serve as co-chair of the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) Partnership Committee. He replaces Lyn Redington and will serve with faculty member Dr. Jamie Workman. The committee is a standing committee of the Division of Student Affairs that supports collaboration between the Division and the Post-Secondary Education: Student Affairs graduate program.

-- Dean of Students Leslie Williams will serve as co-chair of the selection committee for the Dr. Sue Follon Women in Leadership Scholarship. She will serve with Dr. Jan Hanish who has chaired the effort since its inception. The scholarship is named for the former chief student affairs officer at UNI and recognizes students for their leadership contributions to the University and potential to model leadership for women.

-- Tim Bakula, associate director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, has been appointed to serve on the Student Fee Committee, representing the Division of Student Affairs. This University committee includes five students

and five faculty and staff and recommends mandatory fees related to student services and student activities to the President.

-- Kristin Woods, director of Student Success and Retention, has been named co-chair of the Learning Communities Advisory Committee. She will serve with faculty member Dr. Jamie Workman in guiding the continued development of learning communities on campus.

-- Mark Rowe-Barth will begin to serve as the advisor to the Student Affairs Pre-Professional Association (SAPA). Thanks to all for your service and leadership.

### **Academic Advising launches advisor development program**

The [Advisor Development eLearning Course and Certificate](#) are live and now available to campus faculty and staff. The course provides advisors the core knowledge to successfully advise UNI students during their academic careers; the course and certificate are housed in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Academic Advising is very grateful to the many Student Affairs professionals who contributed to the learning modules in the Advisor Development Course over the past year. As the course was developed, many staff indicated that they would like to have the course available to them. If you are interested in partaking in the course, the Office of Academic Advising will enroll you; just email [Jean Neibauer](#). Thanks to Jean for offering this opportunity to staff in our division; I hope you will consider participating.

### **Strategic planning process continuing**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the second strategic planning meeting for the Division of Student Affairs which was held on September 15. Building on our July 28 session, we developed a number of themes that appear to be critical to our work. We will next engage colleagues from Academic Affairs in our efforts and craft an initial draft of a strategic priorities document which we can then share across the division and the campus for comment and consideration. This approach will allow us to formulate a plan that dovetails with the academic master plan that is being developed with leadership from Provost Wohlpert. Thanks to all for your good thinking and sharing.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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