



*Division of Student Affairs*

Dear colleagues,

Please take a moment to catch up on some news of importance to our work:

**Fletcher and Klatt to co-chair Professional Development Committee**

I am pleased to announce Carol Fletcher, Assistant Director for Residential Dining, and Tim Klatt, Associate Director of Recreation Services, will serve as co-chairs for the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee beginning May 1st. Tim and Carol were part of the original task force to explore the creation of the committee and both have a deep commitment to continuing to bring professional development opportunities to our division. Please join me in thanking them for their service and wishing them success in their new roles. Shelley O'Connell has provided able leadership as the founding chair of the committee. I appreciate her commitment and wisdom in leading this group. Launching the initiative was a collective effort, but clearly benefited from her thoughtful guidance. Thank you, Shelley.

**Webinar offered on “Adapting School Pride for a New Generation”**

Drawing upon innovative practices from schools all over the country, this program will explore strategies that have been proven effective in improving school spirit. The preferences of the millennial generation have drastically changed how students want to engage and be engaged by institutions. This webinar will provide the framework for participants to work on a plan for developing school spirit on their campuses. The presenter is Dr. Adam Peck, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, at Stephen F. Austin State University. The session will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at noon to 1 pm at GIL 009. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Margaret Corson at 273-2332 or [margaret.corson@uni.edu](mailto:margaret.corson@uni.edu).

**Frederick to lead development of student engagement initiative**

I am pleased to announce that Bob Frederick, Director of Career Services and Community College Relations, will guide the development of our new student engagement initiative. Work on the project will begin immediately and will involve most units in our division and, ultimately, many others across campus. Thanks to all for participating in the processes that have led us to this point: the division strategic planning effort in 2010; more recent directors retreat and two half-day “concept” sessions with staff from programming units across the division; and the most recent consideration of who should lead the effort. Special thanks to Lisa Kratz and Michael Blackwell for their participation.

**Student Conduct Code proposed revisions available for comment**

Thanks to the Student Conduct Committee for its work in drafting a revision of the Student Conduct Code. With support and guidance from Dean of Student Leslie Williams and Allyson Rafanello, Student Assistance and Outreach Coordinator, the group undertook an overhaul of the policy, guided in large part by recent changes in federal regulations addressing student sexual misconduct. The draft revision is available for campus review and comment [here](#). Please take time to review the draft and provide any feedback you have on it (which you can do at the website). If you want to discuss further, contact Allyson at 273-233 or [allyson.rafanello@uni.edu](mailto:allyson.rafanello@uni.edu).

### **Date set for Second Annual Lavender Graduation Ceremony**

The Second Annual Lavender Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 29, from 5-7 p.m. in the Center for Multicultural Education. The Lavender Graduation aims to highlight the importance of the LGBT\* community by the symbolic action of awarding a lavender graduation cord. The ceremony additionally celebrates graduating seniors and recognizes the work done by the LGBT\* community. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP to [lgbt@uni.edu](mailto:lgbt@uni.edu).

### **Spring meeting set for P&S staff**

The spring meeting for P&S staff and graduate assistants in Student Affairs will be held in Old Central Ballroom of Maucker Union on Tuesday, April 14. Light refreshments will be available at 1:15 p.m. The business portion of the meeting will be conducted from 1:30-3 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this once-a-semester meeting.

### **Petersen receives NACUFS Midwest Region Distinguished Service Award**

The National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) has named Carol Petersen, Director of Dining Services at the University of Northern Iowa as recipient of the 2015 NACUFS Midwest Region Distinguished Service Award. Carol received the award in recognition of her exemplary and enduring contributions to the food service industry and to the association, including her service as a member of the NACUFS Board of Directors and as the President of NACUFS Midwest Region. She received the award on March 23rd at the 2015 NACUFS Midwest Region Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congratulations, Carol!

### **Applications sought for community engagement VISTA position**

UNI will be seeking applications for an AmeriCorps VISTA member to support efforts in community engagement. The VISTA will partner with the First-Year and Peer Mentoring Program to educate students about the importance of community engagement and work with the Department of Residence with the Transfer Learning Community and the Second and Third Year Experience Program (STEP). In partnership with Community Engagement Administrative Fellow Dr. Julianne Gassman, the VISTA will work to improve retention and graduation rates by ensuring students are connected with meaningful, engaged experiences. The benefits of the position include relocation and living allowance, training, health coverage and an education award or end of service stipend. For further information, feel free to contact Dr. Gassman at [julianne.gassman@uni.edu](mailto:julianne.gassman@uni.edu) or consult the [application](#). Please encourage students you know to consider this opportunity.

### **Cook and Rummel highlighted in NIRSA publication**

It was great to see Rachel Cook, Aquatics and Certifications Coordinator, and Joelle Rummel, graduate assistant for Recreational Facilities, featured in a photograph in the new members packet of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). Rummel and Cook are seen in front of their research poster entitled *Lifeguard Rescue Trends* at the national NIRSA Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. Dane Wunderlich, graduate assistant for Recreation Services, and Kristi O'Brien, former Aquatics Coordinator, were co-presenters for the poster.

### **Dylan and Riley Martin Social Justice Scholarship applications available**

Applications are now being accepted for the Dylan and Riley Martin Social Justice Scholarship. To qualify, students must have junior or senior, have attended UNI for at least one year (by the time the scholarship would be received), and have a minimum GPA of 3.2. Additionally, applicants should exhibit activity and engagement on campus, with a focus on furthering diversity goals and raising awareness about the benefits of diversity and social

justice. Applications are due on April 3 and can be found [here](#). Please encourage any qualified students to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Haislet honored for Master's paper**

Shawna Haislet, health promotion coordinator at Student Wellness Services, was recently awarded 2nd place in the UNI Outstanding Master's Research Paper competition. Her paper title is "Gardasil uptake in boys: Barriers and strategies to increase vaccination rates." Congratulations, Shawna!

**Community service assessment to be administered to students**

UNI students engage in a variety of service and volunteer activities. The National Assessment of Service and Community Engagement, which will be administered at UNI from March 30-April 10, will help us learn more about how, why, and when students participate in such activities. As you interact with students, please encourage them to check their UNI e-mail for an invitation to complete the survey. They could win an iPad or one of four Target gift cards. For more information on NASCE, visit its [website](#).

Happy spring to all and thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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