

## CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

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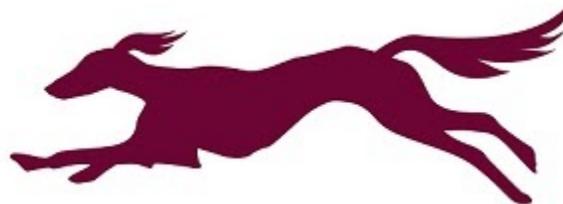
Monday, February 10, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

The college will organize another research *Flash Talks* in the middle of April this year to promote ongoing research and collaboration. The CASA Research Flash Talks 4.0 with the Community will take place again at the Varsity Theater, 418 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, IL. A "Call for Presentation" will be sent out, and more details will be coming soon.

In addition to CASA faculty and staff, we would like to invite faculty/staff from other colleges as well as community members from Carbondale to attend and participate in these Flash Talks. We would especially like to invite those faculty members from the programs that will be merging with CASA programs via re-organization to participate and share their research activity. This will be an excellent opportunity for faculty networking with peers, exchanging innovative ideas, and creating a foundation for future cross-disciplinary research collaboration. All faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

Each faculty or staff member interested in participating will be given *3-5 minutes* to briefly introduce their current, concluding, or proposed research to an audience consisting of interested faculty, staff and invited community members from both the University and regional area. Our hope is to have at least a few presentations from each of CASA's academic units and invited merging programs. In addition, faculty posters, research project demonstrations, and textbooks can be submitted for display. There was a suggestion to have a wide scope of topics or themes for this year's Flash Talks. Fresh research ideas and incomplete research results are as equally welcome as completed or published research results. Staff members are welcome to participate as well to talk about administrative innovations, such as "Best Practice in Recruitment & Retention" or "Proactive Advising for Student Success," as a couple of examples.



Please prepare to submit a short abstract, not to exceed 200 words, briefly describing the research you will present. These abstracts will not be peer reviewed. However, we are planning to print an abstract booklet "CASA Research Talks 4.0" and post all accepted abstracts on the OpenSIUC online repository. The flash presentation is simply to gauge interest from a broader audience. The presenters will be advised

to answer three questions when they are preparing their abstracts: (1) *What is it?* (2) *Why is it important?* (3) *How can the community be further involved?*

The goal is for this event to serve as a catalyst for collaboration among faculty, staff, and community members. More details about abstract submission will be coming soon.

## **SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW WEEKEND**

The SIU scholarship interview weekend, from Friday, February 7 to Saturday, February 8, 2020, went very well. Approximately 280 students participated in the interview, and forty-six (46) of them have been accepted into CASA (16%). **Jordia Coleman**, Interim Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, worked with **Peter Smith**, Associate Professor of Architecture, to set up the Architecture Gallery for the College Connection event during this scholarship interview weekend. **Jane Nichols**, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Services, **Robert Rados**, Assistant Professor of Health Care Management (HCM), and **Thomas Shaw**, Associate Professor of HCM, all in the School of Health Sciences, volunteered as interviewers on both Friday and Saturday. During the College Connection session on Friday afternoon, a large number of faculty, staff, chairs/directors participated in the conversations with high-achieving students and their family members, including **Scott Collins**, **Mike Burgener**, **Craig Anz**, **Nancy Martin**, **Valerie Wallin**, **Jordia Coleman**, **Hannah Erickson**, **Ken Bro**, **Rick McKinnies**, **Anthony Fleege**, **Peter Smith**, and a large number of aviation students and architecture students.



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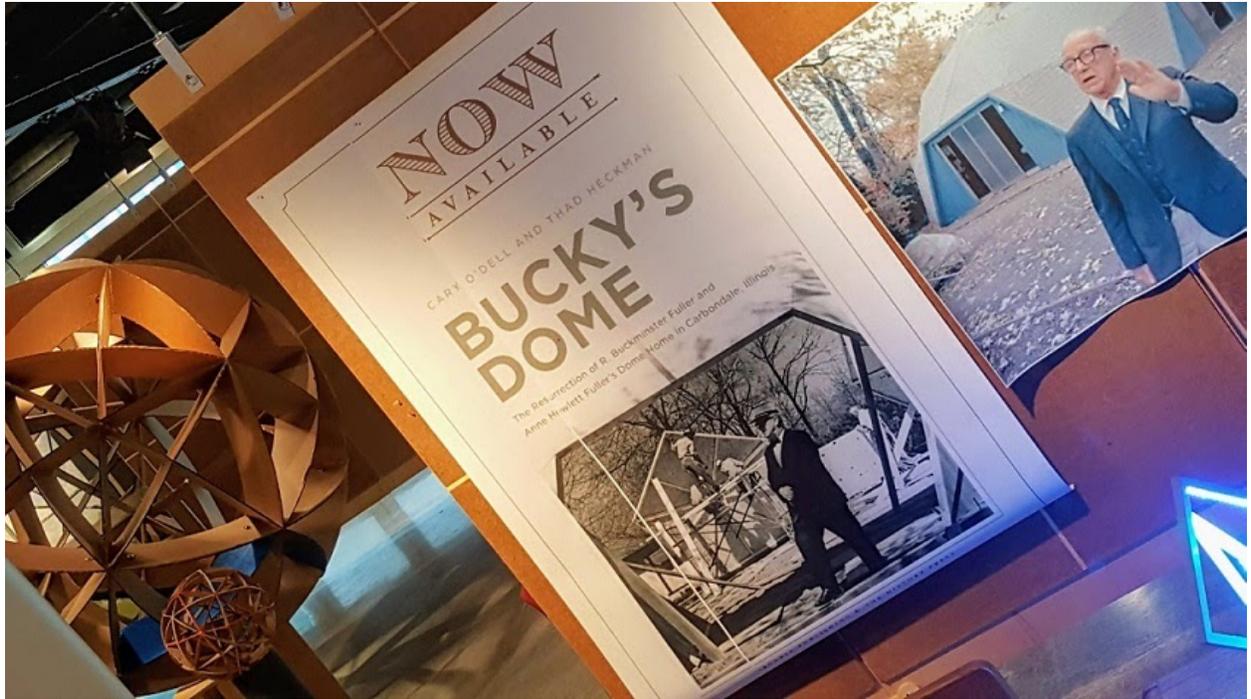


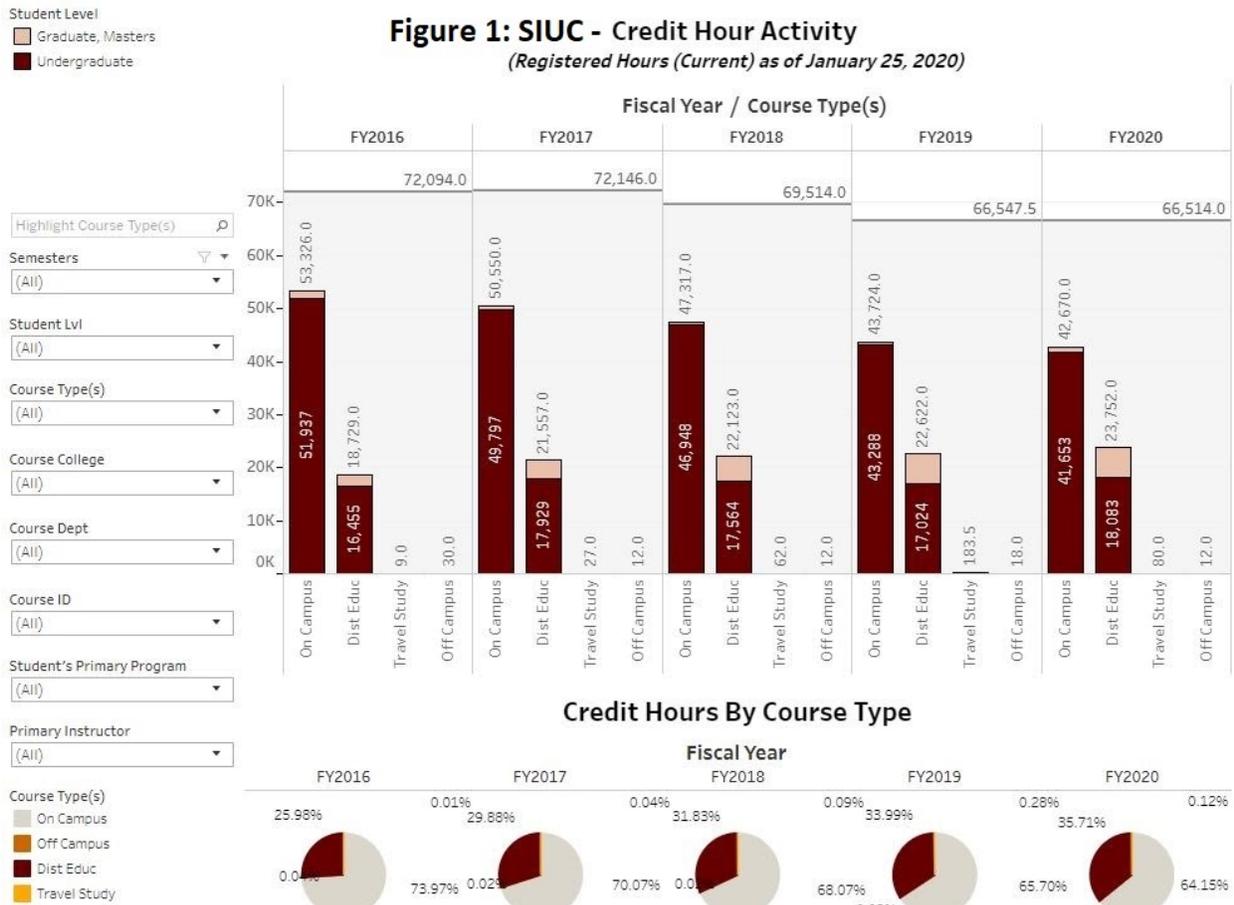
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## CORRECTION

In the last MMU dated January 27, 2020, I used a report on credit hours generation - Figure 1, which is included again below:



The SIU Office of Institutional Research and Studies told me that Figure 1 actually displays the overall credit hours our college (CASA) generated for SIUC, not the whole university's total student credit hours. In other words, CASA generated in FY 2020, for instance, 66,514 SCH for SIU, 75% of those courses were taken by CASA students, and 25% by non-CASA students.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- **Shannon McDonald**, Associate Professor of Architecture, has submitted a research proposal titled “Solar Transportation Center of Innovation (STCI)” collaborating with San Jose State University Mineta Transportation Institute. An interactive 4D visualization model will be developed and integrated with the area solar powered transportation system. Congratulations!
- Associate Professor **Belle Woodward** in the Information Systems Technologies (IST) program completed training to become a certified Palo Alto Networks Cybersecurity Academy Instructor. She is also trained and certified as an instructor by the National Center for Systems Security and Information Assurance (CSSIA) for VMware VSphere. Both technologies are now incorporated into her courses. Congratulations!
- Dr. **José R. Ruiz**, Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, was recently appointed to two positions. He was elected by peers and ratified by the SIU Faculty Senate to serve as a member of the **SIU Judicial Review Board (JRB)**. He was also appointed as a national expert advisor for students from all U.S. universities participating in the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Design Competition for Improving Runway Safety. Congratulations!
- Ms. **Erin Connelly**, Instructor in the Communication Disorders and Sciences program, School of Health Sciences, recently received a Certificate of Completion of a Langmore Foundation FEES Course through Boston University School of Medicine. FEES stands for Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing, a procedure that allows physicians to assess areas surrounding the voice box and opening of the esophagus, through the use of a small flexible telescope. Dr. Susan Langmore developed the Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) procedure in 1988. Since then, FEES has become an internationally recognized gold standard for dysphagia evaluation and management. The Langmore FEES Course is designed by Dr. Langmore with information that is unbiased, objectively supported by clinical research, and informed by over 30 years of diverse clinical experience. The Langmore FEES Course strives to be the "gold standard" training program that allows clinicians to feel confident that they received the very best training available. As Dr. **Maria Franca** stated, Erin’s “diligent efforts will generate abounding inter-professional-education-practices (IPP/IPE) opportunities at SHS!” Congratulations!



## SALUKI POINTS OF PRIDE

College Gazette classifies SIU Carbondale as one of the ten **“hidden gem”** public universities in the U.S., for “consistently demonstrating excellence in their curriculum as well as in student opportunities.” The National Science Foundation ranks SIU Carbondale as one of fewer than 300 **“High Research Activity”** universities in the country, in terms of research expenditures. This prestigious classification, marked by significant research activity, expenditure and resource allocation, places SIU Carbondale in the **top 5% of all schools nationwide** identified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

- We are ranked in the **top 4 percent of universities worldwide** by the Center of World University Rankings. The center ranks the top 2,000 institutions out of 20,000 institutions based on quality of education and faculty, alumni employment and research performance. We rank globally in the top 1,000 of 20,000 institutions, coming in at 773 globally and 185 nationally. The only Illinois public institutions above us are University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and University of Illinois, Chicago.
- We are ranked in the **top 20 percent** of U.S. four-year universities by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education.
- One of just **105 U.S. universities** to have both a School of Law and a School of Medicine.
- One of the nation’s **50 most entrepreneurial** research universities by Forbes Magazine.

- Ranked **#3 in Illinois and #198 nationally** by the National Science Foundation among public universities for research expenditures. Our faculty and staff generated more than \$55 million in grants and contracts this past year.
- One of just four Illinois institutions to be a member of the prestigious **Association of Research Libraries that lists 115 members** (the others are Northwestern and the U of Illinois institutions).
- Ranked **#41 out of 4,000** universities/colleges for number of alumni (~250,000 alumni).
- We are known nationally for our **service** to veterans, our reputation as a “green” campus, and our work with students with disabilities. This past spring, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of Special Olympics at Touch of Nature - where it all started.
- **Flying Salukis** placed in the top three in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association competition for the past 9 years and have competed in the event for 50 of the last 51 years.
- We award more than \$215 million dollars in **financial aid and scholarships** annually to our students. Financial help is awarded to nearly 90 percent of our students.

## SIU EVENTS

- HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Visit: There will be three open forums during the HLC Site Visit. The forums are open to the campus and community. They will be held in the Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library on February 17, 2020.
  - 1:30: Criterion 1 and 2, Mission and Integrity
  - 2:30: Criterion 3 and 4, Teaching and Learning
  - 2:30pm – 3:30pm: Meeting with Deans, Morris Library Room 480A
  - 3:30: Criterion 5, Resources Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

An Open Listening session has also been scheduled during the HLC Site Visit. This session is open to the campus and community. The Open Listening session will be held in the Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library on February 18, 2020, at 8:00am.

- SIU Open House: Monday, Feb. 17, 2020; Friday, April 10, 2020; and Friday, July 24, 2020
- SIU Transfer Day – Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, and SIU Day – Friday, April 24, 2020.

## ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- Monday, February 10, 2020: 10:30am - 12:00pm, International Festival 2020, Parade of Flags & Proclamation, Student Center International Lounge West; 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Pizza and Politics with IL State Rep. Terri Bryant, Paul Simon Institute Lobby.
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Informal Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Faculty Senate Meeting, SSB 150; 6:30pm - 8:30pm, SIU Darwin Week Student Symposium, Morris Library Guyon Auditorium.
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020: 11:00am - 1:00pm, 2020 International Festival, Student Center Ballroom A, B, C, D.
- Thursday, February 13, 2020: 8:30am - 9:15am (Faner 1526), and Friday, February 14, 2020: 11:00-11:45am (Faner 1526) and 3:00-3:45 (Guyon Auditorium, Morris Library), Open Forum for ACERC (Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center) Director Candidates.
- Friday, February 14, 2020, 10:00am - 2:00pm, SPC (Student Programming Council) Valentine Activity, Student Center Roman Room.

## **AND FINALLY ...**

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to [awang@siu.edu](mailto:awang@siu.edu); or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone interested in receiving the CASA Dean's MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean's MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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