

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

### *A Tradition of Excellence, A Standard of Success*

Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

In response to the continued spread of COVID-19 across the U.S., at least 260 colleges and universities had canceled in-person classes as of this morning, according to a crowdsourced Google spreadsheet at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/19wJZekxpewDQmApULkvZRBpBwcn5gZlZF2SEU2WQD8/htmlview?usp=sharing&sle=true&lsrp=1>. SIU Carbondale has extended spring break for students through March 22, 2020. Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, classes will be offered in online or other alternative formats until further notice. Group events that involve the gathering of more than 25 people will be cancelled through at least April 25, 2020. All international travel was suspended, and domestic travel must be approved by the appropriate vice chancellor.

At the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, we have cancelled our Board of Counselors meeting on Friday, April 3rd; Honors Day Ceremony on April 4th; and the Research Flash Talk 4.0 on April 15. If you are concerned that you may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to it, please contact your healthcare provider immediately and follow recommendations and directives regarding self-quarantines or other restrictions. Every faculty, staff, or student returning from international travel after March 6, 2020, is expected to self-quarantine for 14 days after the date of return. Anyone who has any household exposure to an international traveler after March 6, 2020, is expected to self-quarantine for 14 days after their date of return. Domestic travelers do not automatically require self-quarantine at this time, but this may change at any time.

Most of the classes in CASA are already fully online or having a hybrid delivery modality. We do have a limited number of face-to-face courses that will be moved to online delivery, or to some format of hybrid courses with an extended online portion starting next week. If you have not taught an online course before, this could be a challenging task to make this transition within a short period of time. Some courses require one-on-one instruction or require hands-on with physical equipment, such as aviation flight and clinical work and lab practice. In these courses, we have to reduce the student class/group size, maintaining social distancing to minimize the risk of virus infection. Our goal is to move as many courses online or to an alternative format as possible. Alternative formats include, but are not limited to, D2L, taped lectures, live Zoom lectures and email.

A toolkit for online instructors is available from the appendix of a book entitled “*Jump-Start Your Online Classroom - Mastering Five Challenges in Five Days*” by David S. Stein and Constance E. Wanstreet. As a brief reference, setting expectations is an effective tool for online courses. To cooperatively develop a

shared set of expectations between you and your students, you will need to share your expectations and then require the students to respond with their expectations. There are three categories of expectations:

1. Expectations for the Course: You can refer to the course's learning outcomes, as these are usually set in advance as part of the curriculum and are integral to the course objectives.
2. Expectations for the Instructor: Outline how you see your role in the course, clearly identifying how you intend to participate in the course.
3. Expectations for the Students: Many of these expectations, such as the total online discussion time, are common from other courses, including a face-to-face counterpart.

The initial contact with the students can be via email sometime this week, the earlier the better. This is a great opportunity to share your expectations and then solicit email replies. The email can also direct your students to the D2L page to get familiar with its interface and tools.

This is a unique time when we have to deal with uncertainty around the coronavirus. All of us should do our best to make sure our actions do not negatively affect our students. Please communicate with students with empathy viewing things from their perspective and try not to add to their fear.

Students will have an extended spring break this week. However, the university's operations, including teaching and research, will continue. We will remain open and students have options to return to campus either to study or retrieve materials. Staff will report to work as usual, and faculty will be teaching in classrooms or converting courses for delivery in alternative formats. Thank you for staying positive and serving our students. I appreciate your patience and collaboration as we work through these challenges together.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- CASA's history traces back to June of 1950, when President Delyte Morris appointed Ernest J. Simon as SIU Director of the Technical Institute and Associate Director of Adult Education. Ernest J. Simon was the founding Dean for this College, which had its name changed several times in the past, from VTI (Vocational Technical Institute), STC (School of Technical Careers), CTC (College of Technical Careers), to the current CASA (College of Applied Sciences and Arts). Dean Simon passed away in 1989. His wife Mary C. Simon continued to provide the faculty, staff, and students with encouragement, financial support, and a genuine enthusiasm for our continued success until her death in 2011. The *E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award* is intended to acknowledge, celebrate and reward extraordinary lifetime achievement with respect to teaching and other activities directly related to the education and general welfare of students of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. The E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award is cherished by those who receive it, because the award honors the tradition of faculty excellence envisioned by the founding dean of the college.

After the nomination process, the Selection Committee met recently and selected the winner. The 2020 recipient of the E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award is **Michael Behrmann**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Automotive Technology. This is the top faculty award in our College. The recipient receives \$5,000 cash award and a plaque, and makes a speech at the annual *CASA Honors Day* Ceremony. Congratulations!



Associate Dean, Department Chair, and Associate Professor **Michael Behrmann** has been a visionary leader and a valued member of the Faculty in the Department of Automotive Technology since 1985. With unparalleled skills in student engagement and academic excellence, his rapport with students and industry leaders is commendable given his gifted ability to build a close connection with industry partners while simultaneously building a professional and collegial connection with students. He holds his students to high standards but also makes them feel comfortable and valued. Students state that Mr. Behrmann works harder than anyone to ensure the success of his students and the success of the Automotive Technology program, which is nationally and globally recognized for its excellence and prominence in the industry.

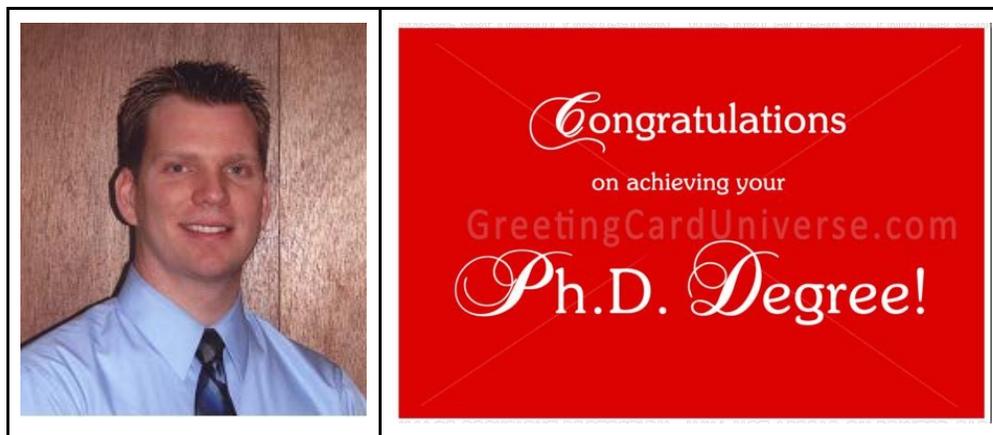
Mr. Michael Behrmann is a highly respected leader who makes the Automotive Technology so unique and successful. Mr. Behrmann has excellent skills in organizing events such as the advisory committee meetings, open houses, and incoming student orientations. Mike's hard work, dedication to the students and to the program were evident from the beginning of his career at SIU. While an instructor, he was awarded Department Teacher of the Year multiple times. As the Department Chair, Mr. Behrmann travels far and wide to recruit, hosts open houses and remains accessible to the industry. He is driving and inspiring the faculty to keep SIU Automotive Technology the highest ranked program in the country. In his current position he helped secure the funds for the Transportation Education Center (TEC) that the Automotive and Aviation Programs currently reside in. He has consistently met with industry partners to secure approximately \$500K worth of donations every year. Since 2012, Mr. Behrmann has led the program to grow from about 140 students to over 300 at the Carbondale campus alone.

Ernest J. Simon was founding Dean of the College from its inception in 1951 until his retirement in 1970, and both he and his wife, Mary C. Simon, remained strong supporters of the University and CASA. This award recognizes the overall accomplishments of a faculty member in support of

his or her respective program and can be received only once in a lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all nominators and the E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee for their diligent work and service.

Congratulations!

- Recent publications: **Aydin, S & Collins, S.** (June, 2020). (Invited Session). Evaluation of US and Taiwan Health System Performance: A Review of the Literature. Western Economic Association International (WEAI), 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. Congratulations!
- Recent publications: **Aydin, S.** (June, 2020). (Invited Session). Analysis of the Turkish Healthcare System Reform: How Does the Reform Effect on Overall Population Satisfaction with Healthcare System? Western Economic Association International (WEAI), 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. Congratulations!
- Recent publications: **Collins S, McKinnies R, McKinney S, Collins C.** (June, 2020). Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Using Robotics in Healthcare Management Education. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). Salt Lake City, Utah. Congratulations!
- Recent publications: **McKinnies R, Collins S, Collins K, Hopkins S.** (June, 2020). Burnout in the Healthcare Professions: A Public Health Concern. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). Salt Lake City, Utah. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating **Rick McKinnies**, Associate Professor and Program Director of Radiologic Sciences (RADS), as he successfully defended his dissertation Friday, February 21, 2020, to complete the requirements for the PhD in Educational Administration and Higher Education (EAHE). Congratulations!



The degree is a PhD in Educational Administration and Higher Education. His dissertation was titled *Evaluating Assessment and Effectiveness Data to Program Characteristics in Accredited Medical Dosimetry Programs in the United States*. The purpose of the study was to determine whether there was a correlation between the assessment data obtained by each medical dosimetry program, the program effectiveness data, the length of the program, the degree granted, and the number of years accredited by the JRCERT. The evaluation of the data helped determine if certain attributes of a medical dosimetry program lead to better outcomes within a program compared to a program with differing qualities. Congratulations!

- Dr. **Nick Rahimi**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), co-authored a paper “Modelling and Optimization of Polyol Synthesis of Silver Nanowire Using Combination of Deep Learning and Electron Microscopy Imaging” which was accepted for presentation at the Second Pan-American Nanotechnology Conference (PANANNO 2020), Aguas de Lindoia, SP, Brazil, March 4-7, 2020. Also, Dr. Rahimi will be serving on the Dissertation Committee of Ashraf Alyanbaawi, a PhD student of Computer Science. Congratulations!
- Mr. **Steven Prevette**, Lecturer in Information Systems Technologies (IST) and Senior Quality Engineer for Fluor Government Group, will be presenting a half-day workshop entitled “Use of Statistical Process Control and Metrics to Achieve and Sustain Performance Improvement” at the Human Performance, Root Cause, and Trending (HPRCT) 26th Annual Conference in June. The event fosters learning and open sharing about incident prevention, incident response, and operational learning in a variety of industries and organizations. Congratulations Steve!
- Dr. **Nancy Martin**, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), has received a research grant in the amount of \$5,725.00 to investigate information technology (IT) faculty profiles and issues, concerns, and successes related to IT faculty hiring. The research is funded by the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Special Interest Group on Information Technology Education (SIGITE). Congratulations!
- Ms. **Jill Springli**, senior of Radiologic Sciences (RADS), has been selected to receive the Chad B. Newberry Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200. The award will be applied to her SIUC account for Summer 2020. Congratulations!
- The School of Health Sciences Communication Disorders & Sciences (CDS) program had a team of students and faculty attend the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing (ISHA) Convention in Chicago early last month. Students and faculty collaborated at several levels, expanding horizons in multiple directions. These included peer-reviewed and invited presentations, active membership in boards, committees & meetings representing our university and the profession. Among the many instances of positive outcomes/feedback, we are proud of all of the SIUC students and alumni who could be seen everywhere - particularly our current students presenting research and participating at the exciting and very competitive College Bowl. This high-level

competition is based on critical educational/professional matters, modeled after the Praxis Test, and required for certification. The SIUC team did an outstanding job, steadily holding a place among the top 5 schools throughout the entire arduous 2 hours+ of competition, and scoring 3rd place among 11 schools.

- o **College Bowl Team**

Aidan Osborne, Annie Lietz, Shauna Tomblison, Drew Middleton, Emily Little

- o **Student Initiated Research**

-Barriers to assessment/diagnosis in children with ASD from CLD backgrounds  
Tatiana Green

- o **Faculty Presentations**

-Assessment & intervention in diverse populations with autism Seminar, Valerie Boyer  
-Diversity issues in speech-language pathology: A learning path to competency Seminar:  
Maria Claudia Franca & Salim Al-Ani  
-Professional skills in a changing world: International alliances Seminar: Salim Al-Ani &  
Maria Claudia Franca

- o **Service**

Vice-President Division for Association Affairs - Valerie Boyer; Clinical Directors  
Meeting - Diane Muzio; Multicultural Issues Committee - Maria Claudia Franca

- o **Tailgate SIUC Table**

NSSLHA officers supported by all CDS students at the convention

Please see attached pictures, and a complete program at:

[https://www.ishail.org/filebin/2020\\_Convention/ISHA\\_Conference-Onsite-Brochure\\_2020\\_1.10b.pdf](https://www.ishail.org/filebin/2020_Convention/ISHA_Conference-Onsite-Brochure_2020_1.10b.pdf)







- Dental Hygiene (DH) graduates were featured in a professional magazine. Ms. Kym Dallstream, a 2001 graduate, was featured in “*Today’s RDH*” for her volunteering work and professional success. The full story is available at <https://www.todayrdh.com/decades-of-dental-hygiene-kym-dallstream-believes-volunteering-led-to-career-opportunities/>.

Lori Cackovic, a 2008 graduate from DH, was featured in “*Today’s RDH*” for her excellence as well. Details can be found at <https://www.todayrdh.com/decades-of-dental-hygiene-dyslexic-hygienist-overcomes-educational-obstacles-for-bright-career/?fbclid=IwAR3gk4YbBZonRIE9HjZDhOgXgkV0r094CyQdFIS6OL87Fn4n48qczJCNmzc>.

Congratulations!

- The SIU Security Dawgs were one of ten teams across the state participating in the cybersecurity competition. Teams work to keep their site secure from hackers and unwanted cyberattacks, and are responsible for system maintenance, upgrades, and completing other requests, such as installing or upgrading a website in the competition.



Security Dawgs Team in the Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. From left to right, front row: Jake Smith, Travis Hountondji, Belle Woodward, faculty advisor, and Travis Durbin. Middle row: Kyle Weise, Alex Zheng, and Alex Bryant. Back row: Vince Chelini, Logan Moses, Nolan Warner, and Matt Roy.

- Please join me in celebrating the high achievement of CDS (Communication Disorders & Sciences) students **Megan Moore** and **Prativa Tripathee**, in conquering the outstanding *SIUC Master's Graduate Fellowship*, from the Graduate School. The distinguished *Master's Fellowship* is awarded on a close-competitive process, given the top quality of prolific applicants from all over our university. **The long-term accomplishments through this extraordinary opportunity are life/career turn takers.** We are grateful for this inestimable support and look forward to a super productive cycle ahead with a strong team, pursuing meaningful outcomes at the university and in the profession. Congratulations!
- **Peter Smith**, Associate Professor of Architecture, organized a “design tour” for the Carbondale Community High School (CCHS) students. On Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20, approximately 50 CCHS students visited the School of Architecture learning “What is design” and “How Architects impact the world.” These students were interested in the junior interior design presentations and other art work displayed in the Gallery and in the Digital Fabrication Lab. Two sophomore architecture students who were from CCHS talked to the group about their experiences at SIU.





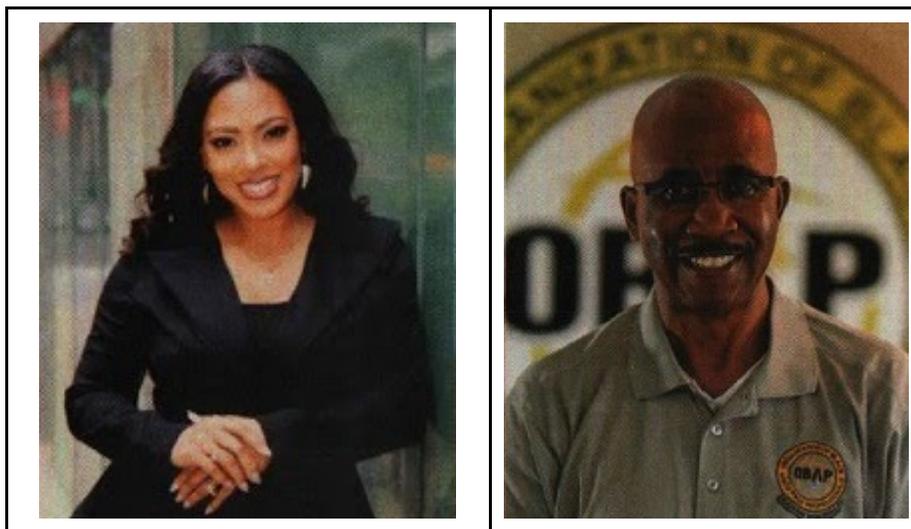


- A Memorandum of Understanding between SIUC and the University of Sao Paulo (USP) in Brazil has been signed by Chancellor Dunn. It is a critical step towards the approved Communication Disorders & Sciences (CDS) Global Seminar with focus on experiences in the Hospital for Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies (HRCA) at USP. HRCA, a.k.a. “Centrinho,” is acknowledged by WHO as a world reference center in craniofacial anomalies. Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Maria Franca**, Associate Professor and Program Director of CDS, and all CDS faculty for being presented in the global picture. Below is a picture of the first international student from Nepal in the CDS program: Prativa Thripathee represented the Nepalese Student Society in the Cultural Show. Prativa is also a recipient of the prestigious Master’s Fellowship. Congratulations!



- On Friday, February 21, 2020, Aviation RSOs organized an “Aviation Diversity Luncheon” in the Transportation Education Center (TEC) Multipurpose Room. Over 100 SIU students, faculty, and industry professionals attended the event. This diversity luncheon will become a regular event to celebrate diversity in the industry and in our university programs. The luncheon will facilitate conversation about how organizations define and exemplify diversity, why it is important, and how to remain mindful in this ever-progressing time. Four panelists made an excellent presentation followed by an engaging Q&A between students and the panelists. Congratulations to Vernecelyn Allen and other student leaders of the Student Aviation Diversity Council for a successful and engaging event!

The luncheon had four speakers from the industry:





- Tammera L. Holmes has served as President & CEO Aerostar Consulting Corporation in Chicago, IL, since 2008, and in 2016, Holmes launched her non-profit The AeroStar Avion Institute to begin opening doors for youth in a career field that for most is still very foreign. Her focus is to get more youth, African Americans, females, and other underserved and under-represented populations interested in STEM careers, particularly in the Aerospace industry.
- Captain Albert T. Glenn, Director of Luke Weathers Flight Academy, retired FedEx pilot, served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) and Managing Director of Global Flight Operations for FedEx Express Corporation.
- Jordan Jones is an aircraft mechanic at Envoy Air in Chicago, IL, where he has been working for the past two years.
- Kristen Romano graduated from Purdue University in 2003 with a degree in Aviation Technology.

The SIU Aviation Diversity Council is made of student leaders Javier Aguirre, Verneceelyn Allen, Angelina Kapp, Tessa Kerouac, Hayden Pegues and Olivia Vincent from NGPa, OBAP, WIA, and AWAM chapters. Congratulations on a well-organized and well-attended event!

- Please join me in congratulating the following 2020 MAHCEF recipients:
  - Akmal Asoev – (Masters of Health Administration (MHA))
  - Puja Jha – (Masters of Health Informatics (MHI))
  - Hannah Kohrs (Bachelors of Science in Health Care Management (BS-HCM))

Due to their **academic performance, volunteer service, and/or leadership potential**, these students were selected by **Health Care Management/Administration/Informatics faculty** to be recognized by the **Mid-America Health Care Executives Forum (MAHCEF)** this year. MAHCEF is an independent chapter of the **American College of Healthcare Executives**

(ACHE). To learn more about MAHCEF, please check out their website at <http://mhef.ache.org/>. Information about ACHE can be located at <http://www.ache.org/>.

	<p>Hannah Kohrs is a senior in the online Healthcare Management Program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). She grew up in the Quad Cities but recently moved to Marseilles, Illinois, which is a distant Chicago suburb. Her bio states her experience as a student in the online Healthcare Management program at SIUC has been excellent. She has maintained a 4.0/4.0 GPA and been listed on the Dean’s List every semester. Her goal is to begin graduate school in Spring of 2021 and earn her Master’s degree in Health Administration at SIUC. Hannah feels the Healthcare Management program sparked her interest in many potential careers, including Risk Management, Quality Improvement, Human Resources, Public Health, and Physician Practice Management. She is excited to begin exploring these departments and fields as she begins her internship at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton, Illinois, this spring. In Hannah’s free time she enjoys hiking at Starved Rock State Park in Ottawa, Illinois, gardening, and trying new baking recipes with her daughter.</p>
	<p>Puja Jha is a graduate student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale majoring in Health Informatics. Originally from Nepal, Puja received a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Before moving to the United States, Puja worked for several national and international organizations in the field of environmental health, sanitation, and environmental management back in her home country.</p>
	<p>Akmal Asoev is a Fulbright graduate student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). He is currently pursuing his Masters in Healthcare Administration (MHA). To his knowledge, he is the only representative of the Republic of Tajikistan currently at SIU. As a serial entrepreneur, he received the Mayor’s Award as the “Best Entrepreneur of 2015.”</p>

All award recipients will receive from MAHCEF a certificate of recognition and a monetary gift. Please check out the attached bios to learn a little about each of them. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the HCM, MHA, and MHI programs, we are extremely proud of Akmal, Puja, and Hannah!

Special thanks goes to **Dr. Bernie Kerr** from Central Michigan University (a member of the HCM Community Advisory Board) for once again facilitating the recognition of our excellent students and for his ongoing support of our program(s). Thank you for all you do, Bernie!

The awards will be presented at the School of Health Sciences later this semester. Details are pending, but I will keep everyone posted.

- More than 75 students from six area high schools visited the School of Architecture on Friday, March 6, 2020, for the Illinois Design Educators Association (IDEA) regional competition. Students from Benton, Carbondale, Herrin, Marion, Vienna and Zeigler-Royalton competed. This is the third year SIU School of Architecture hosted the regional. In addition to having a chance to compete locally, the event was a great opportunity for students to see what the university's architectural studies program has to offer. SIU Carbondale is one of 15 regional IDEA sites in the state. The event included computer-based and drafting designs in various locations in the building, along with a team competition. The top three finishers in each of the 10 events earned awards, with the top two finishers qualifying for state competition on April 18 at Illinois State University. Students also received tours of the School of Architecture's programs and facility beginning at 11 a.m. Awards were announced at 1 p.m. after lunch.





- The online Master of Architecture program is ranked #4 in the U.S. by Learn.org. If you check the list, you will notice that their #1 and #3 listings are not actually degrees in architecture. Their #2 is Lawrence Technical University and is a real architecture degree. Rating groups like this one don't know that they are including degrees on a list of architecture programs that don't really count as architecture degrees. So, LTU could be noted as being #1 and SIU could be #2 if you count real architecture degrees, according to Professor **John Dobbins**.



## RECOGNIZED SCHOOL

Learn.org has published its 2020 rankings, and **Southern Illinois University - Carbondale's has been ranked #4 for Best Online Architecture Degree Programs:**

*Congratulations on your ranking in our top universities! Since 2003 Learn.org has been helping millions of students' research potential schools, degrees, and careers, and this list of the Best Online Architecture Degree Programs will help our users and potential students learn about your*

*school's excellent offerings. We've highlighted Southern Illinois University - Carbondale and briefly described what you offer for your students here: [Best Online Architecture Degree Programs](#).*

## **ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

- Monday, March 16, 2020: Fiscal Year 2022 TT Faculty Hiring Plan due to the Dean's Office.
- Tuesday, March 17, 2020: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Informal Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Faculty Senate Meeting, Library 752/754.
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020: 9:00am - 11:30am, CASA Administrative Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.
- Thursday, March 19, 2020: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Provost, APAP, and Dean Meeting regarding Program Reviews in 2019, Provost's Office.
- Friday, March 20, 2020, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Interview Meeting for the Dean of the School of Education, Wham Building Room 219.

## **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.

Andy Ju An Wang, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts