

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

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

Monday, April 20, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for your dedication and fortitude in dealing with all the uncertainty as we navigate this extraordinary COVID-19 situation together. Following the stay-at-home order in Illinois, both faculty and students are working hard to successfully face technology challenges with online teaching and learning. I know you have been communicating closely with your students who are undergoing extremely challenging circumstances and are understandably anxious. Many of you have spent a tremendous amount of extra time helping transition the courses to remote formats, investigating potential video mediums, weighing the costs and benefits of synchronous versus asynchronous teaching, and reworking assignments and exams to be more online-friendly. Thanks to Chairs, Directors, and Program Coordinators (Program Directors), we remain committed to protecting our accredited programs, ensuring quality in our review and assessment process, safeguarding the health of our students doing their clinical practice, and playing our part in mitigating the impact of this global pandemic. The feedback from our students is very positive. Students appreciate faculty who remain positive, flexible, and professional, creating an equitable learning opportunity for remote learning, recognizing that not all students are tech-savvy and connected.

In the Department of Automotive Technology, for instance, a new block of courses started last Monday, with most courses adjusted to online instruction. For those courses that could not be converted, they have been working hard to get the students out of the courses and into other ones. Faculty and staff are busy dealing with and trying to answer questions from our prospective students. They developed a TEC (Transportation Education Center) walk through video tour of the labs answering FAQ's and posted it on the Facebook and YouTube accounts. Automotive Instructors are also in the labs doing live stream videos to not only support our SIU students, but are also inviting community college instructors in the same online teaching situation to invite their students as well.

This is a difficult time for students as well as for faculty and staff. To provide relief to student loan borrowers during the COVID-19 national emergency, federal student loan borrowers are automatically being placed in an administrative forbearance, which allows students to temporarily stop making their monthly loan payment from March 13, 2020, to September 30, 2020. Please let our students know that more information for commonly asked questions and answers is available at <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus>.

All the early Summer courses will have online-only classes, with the hope of being able to offer a limited number of hands-on and one-on-one instructions, such as aviation flight training, in the later portion of Summer (possibly later July and early August). Now we are facing challenges of planning ahead for a Fall semester defined by unknowns. Will it be safe to bring students back to campus for the Fall? How will we handle the Move-In Day and College Connection events, which are traditionally held in the middle of August? In the midst of budget season, it is challenging to plan for the next fiscal year with no reliable predictor of how many students will show up on campus or online. The University will lose some money in the Spring semester from refunding room, dining, tuition, course and parking fees. However, we have many reasons to be optimistic. We are searching for a new Chancellor now. SIU Carbondale will receive \$8,866,635 in federal emergency stimulus funding via the CARES Act. CASA will hire five tenure-track assistant professors starting this Fall. Every indicator shows that our Fall enrollment will be great. As of last Monday, April 13, 2020, which is 18 weeks before Fall 2020 starts, an enrollment report shows significant increase in many programs in CASA. For example, Aviation is up all around, Health Care Management is up, and the Master of Architecture is up. Overall, CASA's enrollment is up over 5% compared to last year. As always, CASA is doing great thanks to your dedication and contributions.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- The College of Applied Sciences and Arts honors its staff members who have demonstrated excellence through their service to their departments or schools, the college, and the university. The “Service to the College Award” is in recognition of an individual employed in an administrative professional (AP) or civil service (CS) full-time position in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts who promotes a vision of pride and community from within the College. Award recipients create “a culture where all employees embrace their responsibilities for the recruitment and retention of students, and act as goodwill ambassadors” to the College. Such individuals may:
  - Advance the mission of the College and improve workplace morale;
  - Accomplish job duties in an exemplary manner with extensive knowledge and expertise;
  - Improve job and workplace efficiency, productivity, safety and environment; and
  - Support the job performance of other employees.

After the nomination process, the Selection Committee had an online review recently and selected the winner. The 2020 recipient of the Service to the College (CS/AP) Award is **Chad Waters**, Administrative Assistant in the CASA Dean's Office. This is the top staff award in our College. The recipient receives \$500 in cash and a plaque, and the recipient's name will be inscribed on a permanent, prominent wall plaque in the office of the Dean. Congratulations!



Chad Waters was first hired in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) in August 2012 as an Administrative Aide in the School of Allied Health (now School of Health Sciences). He was previously employed as an Administrative Aide in the College of Engineering, where he had worked for 14 ½ years in the Center for Advanced Friction Studies, progressively receiving additional duties and moving up in the civil service classifications.

While working in the School of Allied Health, Chad handled the vast responsibilities of purchasing, accounts payable, bookkeeping, classroom and course scheduling, troubleshooting, and serving as assistant to (and advising) the Director of the school. He maintained confidentiality in handling faculty/staff problems and was a source of guidance for many in the school.

After the retirement of Mary Nemetsky as the Administrative Assistant in the CASA Dean's Office, Chad was selected as her replacement. He was willing to take on additional duties, as the Business Manager left shortly thereafter to work in another unit on campus. In addition, he was willing to train and be of regular assistance to the new Business Manager who was hired at that time. Chad has also been of great help in organizing the annual CASA Connection event. He provides regular training to the college support staff in their monthly meetings, and he promotes a positive and professional morale in the Dean's Office. He is always willing to provide assistance or training whenever a new employee is hired in one of the college units. Chad has now worked in CASA for 7 ½ years and has been a hard-working, reliable professional who is always willing to help others or take on additional duties. He is a valuable asset to the CASA Dean's Office. He provides competent daily oversight of the Dean's Office. Chad is a dedicated and meticulous individual with the ability to manage all kinds of administrative assistant tasks efficiently. He is well-versed in policy and procedures and highly skilled in preparing correspondence including forms, reports, memos and other documents. He is competent at sorting and filing documents in keeping with established procedures. In addition, Chad is able to multitask effectively and expert in handling a high-volume workload.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all nominators and the Service to the College (CS/AP) Award Selection Committee for their diligent work and service. Way to go, Chad!

- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Maria Claudia Franca** on being selected to receive the 2020 School of Health Sciences Scholar of the Year Award. Congratulations!

- Please join me in congratulating the following faculty members on their tenure and promotion pending Board of Trustees ratification at their April 30 board meeting:
  - **Danald R. Morris**, promotion to Associate Professor in the Department of Aviation Technologies effective on July 1, 2020, with tenure effective on August 6, 2020;
  - **Qian (Jenny) Huang**, promotion to Associate Professor in the School of Architecture effective on July 1, 2020, with tenure effective on August 6, 2020;
  - **Steven C. Goetz**, promotion to Associate Professor in the Department of Aviation Management and Flight effective on July 1, 2020, with tenure effective on August 6, 2020;
  - **Andrew M. Croxell**, promotion to Associate Professor in the Department of Automotive Technology effective on July 1, 2020, with tenure effective on August 6, 2020;

According to the current CBA language, *“Promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor with tenure - \$600 per month or 12% of the median salary of the rank in the unit from which the candidate is promoted, whichever is greater.”* Congratulations!

- **Dr. Seung-Hee Lee**, Professor (Judge William Holmes Cook Professor) of Fashion Design & Merchandising (FDM), has the following research activities in March - mid-April:
  - Lee, S-H., Workman, J., & Jung, K. (March 2020). Trendsetting, brand loyalty, perceived quality, and word-of-mouth, Marketing Management Association (MBAA International Conference), Chicago, IL. (CANCELED)
  - Liang, Y., Lee, S-H., & Workman, J. (March 2020). Understanding perceived risks of purchasing a fashion Artificial Intelligence product, American Collegiate Retail Association (ACRA), New Orleans, LA. (CANCELED)

Dr. Lee has co-authored four research abstracts to the International Textiles & Apparel Association (ITAA) recently:

- Where Do Consumers Look When Viewing Fashion Advertisements? Saliency Based Models for Visual Attention Prediction (with Ying Chen, Ali Mahdi, Jun Qin, & Yuli Liang)
- How Do Consumers Perceive Mobile Self-Checkout in Fashion Retail Stores? (Yuli Liang & Jane Workman)
- Social Media Engagement, Gender, Materialism, and Money Attitudes (Jane Workman & Yuli Liang)
- Are Fashion Consumers Willing to Take Risks to Purchase A New Fashion Technology Product? (Yuli Liang & Jane Workman)

Furthermore, Dr. Lee has reviewed a book entitled “Fashion Forward” for Fairchild Books, revised a manuscript entitled “Adaptation of a Human Charisma Scale to Measure Brand

Charisma,” and has been serving for ITAA, the prestigious professional association in the fashion area worldwide, in the capacity of Chair of the Faculty Fellowship & Awards Committee, and Chair of the Social Sustainable Responsibility Research Track. Dr. Seung-Hee Lee is truly a productive and outstanding researcher. Congratulations!

- Dr. **Nick Rahimi**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems Technologies (IST), co-authored a book chapter “Blockchain Technology and its Emerging Applications,” which was accepted with minor revision. It will be published by CRC Press in a book titled “Security and Trust Issues in Internet of Things: Blockchain to the Rescue,” which is among its series of “Internet of Everythings (IoE): Security and Privacy Paradigm,” CRC Press, Taylor & Francis, USA. This book chapter was co-authored by Nick Rahimi, Pravin Bhandari, Indranil Roy, Bidyut Gupta and Narayan Debnath. Congratulations!
- A research team in the School of Health Sciences has published a research paper: **McKinnies, R.C., Collins, S. K., Cataldo, J., Shaw, T., Nichols, J., & McKinney, S.** (2020). Medical marijuana as a viable option for cancer related issues: mini study. *Journal of Cancer Therapy*. <http://www.scirp.org/journal/jct> is an openly accessible journal published monthly. The goal of this journal is to provide a platform for scientists and academicians all over the world to promote, share, and discuss various new issues and developments in different areas of cancer therapy. Congratulations!
- The Radiologic Sciences (RADS) Radiography program has received extension of its accreditation for a period of three years from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at their March 24, 2020 meeting. This extension equates to an award of eight (8) years of accreditation effective from the date of the most recent site visit (06/2018). Based on this extension, the next visit is tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2026. Congratulations to the Radiography program faculty, staff, and students! Thanks to **Sandra J. Watts** and other faculty and staff who were involved in the accreditation preparation.
- The Radiologic Sciences (RADS) magnetic resonance (MRI) program has received extension of its accreditation for a period of three years from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at their March 24, 2020 meeting. This extension equates to an award of eight (8) years of accreditation effective from the date of the most recent site visit (06/2018). Based on this extension, the next visit is tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2026. Congratulations to the MRI program faculty, staff, and students! Thanks to **Sandra J. Watts** and other faculty and staff who were involved in the accreditation preparation.
- Our Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry program received 100% first attempt success for the August 2019 graduates on the Medical Dosimetry Certification Board examination. Twenty graduates took the exam and all 20 passed it. Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Mark Yasaitis** and **Sharika Sproling**, Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) graduate students, on being nominated and offered the SIU Dissertation Research Assistantship Award! The award is valid for this Fall and next Spring. The Dissertation Research Assistant Award provides a stipend of approximately \$1,626.50 per month. A tuition scholarship will also accompany this award. The award is designed for students who are in the dissertation preparation stage of their graduate education. Students holding such awards must be officially advanced to candidacy by the beginning of the award and must devote full-time to the approved research project as determined by the dissertation committee and the department chair. Congratulations!

- OnlineU recently published their 2020 Best Value College rankings based on a combination of tuition rates and PayScale salary data. Several of our academic programs were ranked as top 10 on their ranking pages:
  - [2020 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Aviation Degrees: #6](#)
  - [2020 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Healthcare Management Degrees: #10](#)
  - [2020 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Dental Hygiene Degrees: #10](#)
  - [2020 Best Online Bachelor's Healthcare Management Degrees: #21](#)
  - [2020 Best Online Bachelor's Web Development Degrees: #2](#)
  - [2020 Best Online Bachelor's Cyber Security Degrees: #4](#)
  - [2020 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Web Development Degrees: #7](#)

Congratulations!

- The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has approved our intent to establish a BS degree entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Program in the School of Health Sciences (SHS) effective March 23, 2020. It is the determination of CoARC that the Program has demonstrated compliance with the CoARC Accreditation Standards ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)) and the policies and procedures of the CoARC. We are now in the process of hiring a Program Director who will be leading the accreditation process according to CoARC Policy 2.023. The maximum enrollment is tentatively approved at up to one cohort per calendar year of up to 20 students per cohort. Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Collins and other faculty and staff in SHS involved in this initiative!
- The following students have received the SIU Extended Campus scholarship of \$250 for the Spring 2020 semester:
  - Daniel Castaneda, Aviation Management, Senior;
  - Sean Domitrovits, Aviation Management, Senior;
  - Tyler Nilson, Aviation Management, Junior;

- Samonae Carter, Aviation Management, Senior; and
- Jake McKie, Aviation Management, Senior.

Congratulations!

- The following students have been selected to win the 2020 Chancellor's Scholarship:
  - Eliza N. Fletcher, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Angela Ponce-Solano, Architectural Studies (ARC);
  - Shelby L. Harris, Nursing (NUR); and
  - Ashley M. Jackson, Radiologic Sciences (RADS).

These students are academically high-achieving students and have demonstrated leadership skills. The Chancellor's Scholarship is valued at over \$102,000 and covers in-state tuition, mandatory fees, and SIU room and board charges each year for a total of four years. Congratulations!

- The following students have received the 2020 University Excellence Scholarship:
  - Jared A. Buehler, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Noah V. Ciocca, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Jonathan R. Faust, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Zachary S. Gebhardt, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Jackson E. Hall, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Alec S. Layne, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Kyle S. Lehr, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Jordan Gregory DeBourge, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Aidan S. Karfs, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - William H. Larson, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Jessica F. Mathias, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Dale R. Miller, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Mason W. Niehaus, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Dayne J. Snodgrass, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Annabelle Elizabeth Abair, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Kayla M. Hoffman, Aviation Flight (AF);
  - Gabriel C. Ybarra, Aviation Management (AVM);
  - Brenna E. Crouch, Aviation Management (AVM);

- Amber E. Koterak, Architectural Studies (ARC);
- Ethan D. Senti, Architectural Studies (ARC);
- Khyecia J. Hudson-Temple, Fashion Design and Merchandising (FDM);
- Kylah R. Smith, Fashion Design and Merchandising (FDM);
- Paige J. Hendrickson, Interior Design (ID);
- Jorge Andres Sandoval, Information Technology (ITEC);
- Haven R. Bleavins, Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (MSFS);
- Jordan M. Buck-Noble, Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (MSFS);
- Morgan E. Abraham, Nursing (NUAP);
- Carol Anne Clanton, Nursing (NUAP);
- Zoe I. Cocagne, Nursing (NUAP);
- Colin Kirkland Daniels, Nursing (NUAP);
- Alli L. Kallenbach, Nursing (NUR);
- Vanessa J. Coogan, Nursing (NUR);
- Grace E. Bargerstock, Physical Therapist Assistant (PTH);
- Angelique S. Amaral, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Madison A. Fleege, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Lucianna M. Gross, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Timothy I. Robertson, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Leah E. Wayman, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Araydiance M. Bell, Radiologic Sciences (RADS);
- Lucas Anthony Garcia, Radiologic Sciences (RSAP); and
- Sarah Sloan Wintermantel, Radiologic Sciences (RSAP).

These students are also academically high-achieving students and have demonstrated additional skills in a variety of areas. The University Excellence Scholarship is valued at \$38,000 over four years. Congratulations!

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

- Monday, April 20, 2020: 9:00am - 10:00am, 2nd Chancellor Candidate Online Open Forum.
- Tuesday, April 21, 2020: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Meeting, Microsoft Teams Meeting.



- Wednesday, April 22, 2020: 9:00am - 11:30am, CASA Administrative Staff Meeting - Online with Microsoft Teams.
- Thursday, April 23, 2020: 9:00am - 10:00am, 3rd Chancellor Candidate Online Open Forum.
- Friday, April 24, 2020, 8:30am - 2:30pm, Online SIU Day.

## **AND FINALLY ...**

This is my last issue of the Monday Morning Update newsletters as Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. I take pride and satisfaction in all we have accomplished during my eight-year tenure as Dean. Starting in Fall 2012, we developed a strategic plan for the College. We established a robust budget allocation model, strengthened our commitment to student success, and grew new programs and funding in support of teaching and research activities. Our enrollment has increased more than 11%, and our retention rate and graduation rate are 10% higher than the campus average. I have deep affection for, and I am deeply grateful to, every member of the CASA community, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, and corporate partners. Together, we have moved the College forward with a proud tradition of excellence and success. As I leave SIU for my next step, I anticipate that the College will build upon its great momentum. I'd like to thank SIU and all members of our College of Applied Sciences and Arts for the opportunity given to me to serve this marvelous college. I will miss you all.

Sincerely,

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