

MSU Faculty and Staff:

We would like to take this opportunity to relay a few, quick campus updates:

- Space Systems Engineering: Over the course of the past few months our campus has been working on transforming our current Space Science program into a full engineering program to be known as Space Systems Engineering. This process is essentially complete and will be a nice addition to our campus. This will be MSU's first full engineering program. Many thanks to all who worked to move us in this direction.
- Interim Executive Director of Auxiliary Services: As many of you know, our Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services, Bill Redwine, will retire from MSU after 38 years of service. We would like to invite you to a retirement reception on March 26 in ADUC to honor Bill's long running efforts. Likewise, I am pleased to let our campus know that Mr. Charlie Gancio will, upon Bill's retirement on March 31, be our Auxiliary lead as Interim Executive Director of Auxiliary Services. Charlie will continue to oversee the University Store as well. Please wish both Bill and Charlie a congratulations.
- Dental Services: Starting this late spring and into the summer, our campus will begin a transition away from providing dental in our Health Clinic, and will reallocate funds into hiring additional mental health counselors to provide services for our students. As a short background, five years ago MSU was the recipient of an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant that was used to begin an on-campus Dental Clinic. However, approximately 19-20 months ago, and upon the expiration of the grant, MSU picked up the full cost of the operation. Based on the last 19-20 months, the Dental Clinic has been operating at a significant financial deficiency – which in a strained higher education economy causes issues. Moreover, as a part of our University Strategic Plan, the goal of an increase in mental health services was identified as a top priority and need for our students. Thus, the University has decided to end the dental services moving into this summer, and alternatively use funds to increase our number of mental health counselors for the benefit of our students. As you are aware, mental health has been an ever increasing need on college campuses across the country and we believe our reapplied resources to mental health will be valuable in this area for retention and immediate student services.
- OVC Basketball: Please extend both our men and women's basketball teams a congratulations for their year.

As we enter Spring Break next week, please be careful if traveling and make sure that you help us in conserving utilities by turning off unneeded electric in your area if not many people are present.

Many thanks for your efforts for our campus.

Jay Morgan
President