

MSU Faculty and Staff:

In an attempt to keep our campus informed, we wanted to relay a few announcements:

Vice President of Fiscal Services/Chief Financial Officer

As you may know, for the past few months a committee of faculty and staff who have been screening and interviewing candidates through a national search for a VPFS/CFO position. I am pleased to relay to campus that Mrs. Mary Fister-Tucker was interviewed by the committee and others on the campus, was found to be outstanding, and has accepted our offer to join MSU. Mary holds a MBA and a BS in Accounting from the University of Kentucky, and is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Treasury Professional. Additionally, she will bring with her 20 years of higher education financial experience. Presently, she is the financial Controller for the University of Kentucky where she supervises 80 employees. She was formerly financial Controller for ECU, has been a Director of Accounting Services managing over \$500 million dollars, was Senior Manager for Fiscal Planning for an academic teaching hospital, served in her early career as a Senior Accountant for Arthur Anderson, a former big six accounting firm, and has held numerous leadership roles in financially-related community service. Mary knows Kentucky well and will bring with her a very strong financial background. She will begin her move and professional transition to MSU in April/May.

Athletic Director

For the past seven to eight months Coach Jaime Gordon has been serving as the Interim Athletic Director. Coach Gordon has done a great job leading the Department of Athletics, and brings with him a strong track record of excellence for student-athletes both in competition and in the classroom. I am pleased to relay that Coach Gordon will drop the Interim title on February 1 and will serve as the Athletic Director. Likewise, Coach Gordon will also continue to be involved with coaching duties for our women's volleyball team. Many of you know Coach Gordon well through his 18+ years of coaching at MSU. He holds a BS and MS degree and is presently working on his doctorate. He was formerly a coach in West Virginia and has also coached at the high school level. Please congratulate him when you see him.

Winter Term

Many of you taught a course in the recently completed Winter Term -- and if you did, **thank you!** Enrollment for the term was 679, which was up about 11 students over last Winter Term. From a financial perspective on the term, it was successful and met budgeted forecasts.

Spring Break 2020

Spring Break is currently scheduled for March 16 – 20, 2020. As was the case last year, all staff will be provided with one full day off during that work week with paid leave. Please work within your units and supervisors, to determine the day you choose to take off. Supervisors,

please make sure that offices are covered in some way each day of the week as basic campus operations must continue and prospective students may be visiting the campus.

Thank you,

Jay Morgan
President