

## MSU Faculty and Staff:

By way of a couple of updates to our campus, the following are items of possible interest:

- **Sale of MSU Procurement Building:** Recently, our Board of Regents approved a contract for the sale of our Procurement Building located across from Walmart near Exit 137. The sale is to the Rowan County Fiscal Court and is seen as a win-win sale. The transfer of this building and acreage will allow us to continue to streamline our property and plant size to lower our fixed costs, and the Fiscal Court can use the building for emergency management operations. We will be using old 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Eats and the Rice Building for much of our storage needs.
- **Naming of Academic College:** We are also pleased to relay to our campus that we are working through the logistics of the naming of an additional academic college. As you know, we have the Caudill College, a year or so ago we named the Smith College, and just last week our Board approved our recommendation to name the College of Education. Over the course of the next month or so we will be working through the logistics of accepting a large donation from a generous family, and once we have all the finalities completed will be able to make a specific announcement. We wanted to relay this to our campus since the Board of Regents has approved it, pending some last minute logistics. The gift will go towards scholarship funds for the College of Education and aids significantly in our push for more overall student scholarships.
- **Sexual Misconduct Policy Update:** In an attempt to relay to our campus policy modifications, we wanted to send the change below related to our Campus Sexual Misconduct Policy (PG-6). As you may know, over the past year or so, several members of the campus community, Staff Congress, and Faculty Senate have been reviewing and updating University policies. PG-6 is a policy requiring updates to the legal standard required by Kentucky law to prove sexual harassment and additional language regarding sexual misconduct involving minors. Recently, the Board of Regents approved the policy update at its recent meeting. This policy can be read in its entirety at <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Administration/Human-Resources/Personnel-Policies/MSU-Personnel-Policies/PG-6-Sexual-Misconduct-Policy>
- **Spring Semester Study Abroad Update:** The status of spring study abroad programs continues to evolve with new updates and alerts from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other health advisory agencies. Recently, the CDC recommended that universities seriously consider cancellation of spring study abroad programs. After careful consideration by our Provost and other faculty/staff involved with such programming, we will be cancelling our study abroad programs which encompass out-of-the country travel from now until May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow time to continue to evaluate the status of various programs and areas and determine what summer travel might encounter.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/student-foreign-travel.html>

- **MSU Employee International Travel:** In relation to the above CDC recommendation, we are also discontinuing all MSU individual employee international travel between now and May 1. This travel cancellation applies to any MSU employee using any type of university funds for travel (state funds, grant funds provided to MSU, etc.). Employees who have international travel planned between now and May 1 using personal funds are recommended to take careful consideration on the location of travel, the duration, and are encouraged to review the CDC and other agency updates related to that area. Employees who do decide to travel internationally using personal funds should also read CDC and other agency information on any self-quarantine recommendations upon return.
- **Student Scholarship Campaign Update:** Our push for scholarship dollars is moving along well and we are about half of the way through a three year scholarship campaign. To date, we have raised north of \$10 million and are moving towards our goal of \$15 million. Thanks to everyone who has helped on this in a variety of ways. This is good for our future and for our students.
- **OVC Basketball Tournament:** Good luck to our men's basketball team in their first game of the OVC tournament tonight!

Thanks to everyone for what you do each day for our students, and also for working towards continuous improvements across our campus along the way. Even with some of the pressures in higher education, we have a lot to be proud about.

Jay Morgan  
President