

November 3, 2022

MSU Faculty and Staff:

As we move into November we wanted to provide you with a few quick updates and forward-looking items:

Dates:

- November 4 – Centennial Celebration Complimentary Lunch for all MSU Employees at The Rock (Show your ID for entry)
- November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break – University Closed
- November 30 – Holiday Carnival – Open to all employees and children (More information forthcoming)
- December 1 – Employee Holiday Luncheon at The Rock- 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- December 5-9 - Final Examination Week
- December 10 – Fall Commencement – 10:30 a.m.

Student Retention:

We are asking all units to consider extra efforts that may be placed towards student retention. We are trying to push across-the-board to return retention to the levels we achieved pre-covid.

University Centennial History:

In 1922 the State of Kentucky formed the State Normal School Commission with the expressed charge of identifying locations for a normal school in eastern and western Kentucky. The Commission make visits to eastern Kentucky regional communities in August of 1922, and then held a formal vote in November 1922. On November 25, 1922 the Commission met and had to vote 5 times before one member of the Commission changed his vote, broke the tie, and voted for Morehead to receive the state school. If you want to read some of the historical accounts, the following link from the MSU Archives may be of interest. [Normal Goes to Morehead \(moreheadstate.edu\)](https://www.moreheadstate.edu/moreheadstate/normal-goes-to-morehead)

Attached to this email are also several photos of campus from our MSU Archives.

Congratulations and Thanks to:

- Congratulations to our MBA Program: <https://www.wmky.org/news/2022-10-03/msus-mba-program-ranked-by-fortune-for-affordability>
- Thanks to all the employees who assisted with Homecoming 2022 – it was a great time.

Campus Facility Work:

Beginning in the next few weeks, and likely extending for upwards of 18-24 months, we will be conducting repairs on many of our buildings, replacing HVAC units, and other campus facility work which includes utilities/electric, roofing work etc. Our first phase of campus repair work

using state repair funds is primarily targeted towards replacing building roofs and roughly 14 building HVAC units.

To accomplish these repairs over the next 1-2 years we will be working with areas to find ways to manage around the intermittent times where work will be going on in a building. If the repairs are scheduled for an area, the appropriate Vice President and Facilities Management will be working with the people in the area if there needs to be a temporary modification of where people work.

Our first move currently underway is the Office of Communications and Marketing (COMA) which will transition from the basement of Alumni Tower into the former 3rd Street (Eats) Facility. This will allow for renovations to begin on Alumni Tower basement, then the Craft Academy will transition from Grote-Thompson Hall to Alumni Tower in the Fall of 2023. These renovations are funded by Craft funds and will allow the Academy to grow from 148 to closer to 200.

Also, the Office of Human Resources will be temporarily displaced for a week or two during December. If you need to visit with a staff member in HR during December, it is preferable that you call or email them. However, if you need to see someone in person, you may go by the office and a limited number of staff will be there to meet with you. Once repairs to this area are complete, all staff will return.

It is likely that some HVAC work will begin over the winter months. We are scheduling the replacement of a multitude of HVAC units for buildings, and each building scheduled will be contingent on design time, supply chain availability, and when the unit(s) arrive. We will not be able to get all buildings completed this winter, but will do as many as possible.

As other work ensues, we will try to keep our campus updated.

Many thanks to everyone!

Jay Morgan
President