

June 26, 2023

MSU Faculty and Staff:

We hope your summer is going well. Thank you to the many individuals who are teaching summer courses, working with summer camps, conducting research/service for the University, and supporting grant and contract work. The life of a University is continuous.

The following are a few updates as we try to keep you informed this summer:

Summer Dates:

- Saturday, June 24 – Governor’s Scholars Program participants arrived to campus
- Monday, June 26 - ADUC Food Court opens with summer hours of 11am- 2 pm.
- Monday, July 3 – Additional Day Off – University Closed for Holiday
*Note: please work around summer camps and classes, as needed.
- Tuesday, July 4 – University Closed for Holiday

Congratulations /Thank You’s:

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Ratliff who was selected for Leadership Kentucky.

Congratulations to the Smith College of Business and Technology, whose MBA program earned a strong ranking with Fortune 2023 Best Online MBA

Rankings https://www.wmky.org/news/2023-06-01/morehead-state-mba-program-earns-fortune-2023-best-online-mba-ranking?_amp=true

Congratulations to the Volgenau College of Education, as the National Council on Teacher Quality graded them an “A” for its undergraduate elementary education program in the teaching of reading.

Employment Letters/Notifications:

With the passing of our University Budget by the Board of Regents, the Office of Human Resources has been delivering electronic notification of employment (Employment Letters) to each full-time returning employee. Please let HR know if there are any issues with them.

Board of Regents Meeting Summary:

At a recent Board of Regents meeting, the following were approved:

- Promotions to the Rank of Professor and Emeriti Status.

Congratulations to the following for either promotion or emeriti status:

Dr. Roosevelt Escalante – Music – Promoted to Professor
Dr. Russell May – Mathematics – Promoted to Professor
Dr. Glen Colburn – English – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. Scott Davison – Philosophy – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. John Ernst – History – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. Lloyd Jaisingh – Mathematics – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. Ron Morrison – English – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. Dianna Murphy – Legal Studies – Granted Faculty Emeriti
Dr. Philip Prater – Veterinary Science – Granted Faculty Emeriti

- Approval of the revision of the Master of Arts in Education Program.
- Jerry Gore, a former long-time employee of MSU, was honored with the Founders Award – the highest award bestowed on an honoree by MSU.
- Approval of various investment matches with state funds, investment policies, and resolutions to the state to exercise authority for retirement plans.
- Approval of updates to Pac-5 Consulting, Pac-17 Sabbatical Leave of Absence, and PG-15 Employment of Minor(s). If any of these are applicable to you, they will be posted online with our other University Policies in a week or so and you may review them there.
- Approval of the University Budget for 2023-2024, Personnel Roster, a tuition increase of 2.9%, and next fiscal year fee schedule.
- Approval of a 4-year contract extension for the President until 2027.
- Approval of the University Organizational Chart for 2023-2024.
- Approval of changes to Cooper Residence Hall renovation project to move forward after an increase in scope due to inflation, and approval to start the formal process of designing and contracting for the new science and engineering building.

University Utility Usage:

In an effort to assist us this summer and beyond, please turn off lights when whole buildings or rooms are not in use.

Summer Building Renovation/Repairs:

Our push to improve our buildings is underway with several new roofs, HVAC, and other replacements. If your building is scheduled for electrical outage, excessive noise for a short time, etc., your Vice President and Facilities Management will work with you on alternative space, etc.

FAFSA Filing:

If you are an employee taking MSU courses or have a spouse or dependent who is, please consider filing the FAFSA to see if you are eligible for federal financial aid (Pell). Feel free to go by our Office of Financial Aid to see a counselor there for more information. It is to the benefit of both the individual, and to MSU, to file to see if they are eligible for federal aid. There is no cost to the individual and the funds do not have to be repaid.

Many thanks for all your efforts this summer and have a safe and extended July 4th holiday!

Jay Morgan
President