

MSU Faculty and Staff:

February is here and we hope the spring semester is smoothing out well. Below are a few updates for our campus.

Dates:

February 10 – Open House on campus

March 14- 15 – Fall Break for Students

March 15 – Fall Break for Employees

Congratulations to:

- Matt Hyden for being selected to replace the retiring Dr. Dan Connell. Matt will assume all of Dr. Connell's role of overseeing our regional education and outreach grant units. The responsibility of leadership for our three regional campuses is being moved to report to Dr. Chris Schroeder as associate provost.
- Randy Manis will begin to be our summer camp coordinator. Randy will continue to teach during his 9-month faculty status, but also assume summer camp coordination during the summer months. Please remember that if you are involved with directing a summer camp to please touch base with Randy as well as Vice President Russ Mast to make sure you begin to schedule space, as we are tight this summer due to residence hall renovations.

Recent Board of Regents Meeting Summary:

- Approval of minutes, organizational chart, personnel actions, and Fall 2023 graduates.
- Approval of athletic contract, first quarter financial reports, new furniture for residential halls, disposal of property as a right-of-way at the Derrickson Farm
- Approval of University bonds for a new residence hall to begin construction later this fall and refunding of current University bonds for refinancing.
- Updates on mid-year financials, science and engineering building construction and new residential hall construction
- Fundraising update and university performance update
- For the past four or more years the City of Morehead has leased Laughlin Health Building from the University. Recently, we were notified that the City wished to

discontinue the lease. Our Board discussed options on what to do with Laughlin going forward, but no decisions were made at the meeting.

University Organization:

- Effective February 1 our College of Science will be renamed the College of Science and Engineering in an effort to begin formatting around our new science/engineering building scheduled to begin construction later this year. The College is composed of the Departments of Biology/Chemistry, Department of Engineering Sciences, Department of Nursing, Department of Agriculture, Department of Mathematics, and our Kinesiology, Health and Imaging Sciences. Presently, our Department of Psychology are in discussions of merging with another department.
- Also, effective February 1 the Volgenau College of Education has reorganized from three departments to two. They will now be composed of the Department of Teacher Education (generally all K-12 education), and the Department of Foundations and Graduate Studies in Education (graduate programs).

Campus Renovations:

- We continue to undergo renovations in a number of buildings. Please be careful if you are moving in and out of one of these areas.
- Renovations in Ginger Hall are in full swing with floors 1, 2, and 9 underway now. This summer we will most likely be ready to move into floors 3 and 4.
- We are beginning the process of moving some units out of Lappin and Lloyd Cassidy to relieve the stress on those older buildings. The first unit scheduled for relocation is the Department of Mathematics who is slated to move into a renovated space in Ginger Hall over the next 6-10 months. The move of mathematics will transition over 25% or more of our students out of Lappin Hall within the next semester or two and into a better classroom environment.
- Library renovations are continuing with the remainder of the first-floor west wing and lobby area, establishing a new general computer lab on the first floor and a better organizational placement of other computers, and then beginning to move into the second floor for renovations and upgrades. Our goal through this renovation is to significantly upgrade the library within the next three years. As a part of this upgrade of facilities, we are also shifting more student success services into the library with the move of our academic advisors/retention staff into the library. Moving the advisors into the library will not only take some pressure off of Allie Young, but also begin to create a more comprehensive student success space on our campus composed of our library services, career services, tutoring, student computer labs, and other units all under one roof to serve our students.

Many thanks,

Jay Morgan