

Faculty and Staff:

A few quick updates to keep our campus informed as the end-of-the semester gets closer.

Dates:

- April 17 – Concert on the Lawn (5 pm)
- April 24 – Employee Appreciation Luncheon (Quad) More to come from on HR on this.
- April 25-26 – MSU will host the OVC beach volleyball tournament.
- April 27 – MSU Gala
- May 6-10 – Final Examination Week
- May 11 – Commencement (10 pm and 2 pm)

Congratulations to:

- Sylvia Henneberg who was selected to serve as Dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Katy Carlson who was selected to serve as Chair of the Dept. of English and Modern Languages
- James Masterson will serve in his normal role as Chair of HPIL, as well as interim Chair of Communications, Media, Art and Design until a permanent Chair can be identified.
- Coach Jonathan Mattox, former associate basketball coach, will return to MSU to be our Head Men's Basketball Coach

Thank You's to:

- Chris Schroeder and many others for hosting our KCTCS transfer summit and working on transfer agreements with academic units between MSU and KCTCS
- We have a host of SOAR dates coming up (new student registrations) and thanks in advance to all who are working on those. Melisa Patrick is our lead on SOAR and should you wish to assist, or have questions please let her know.

New Academic Building:

- Some of you may remember on our recent campus livestream we announced that the General Assembly had appropriated MSU another Building. This building will conceptually be a multi-disciplinary building of about \$90 million and 120,000+/- square feet and will be targeted to replace Combs and Baird, with the possibility of other program inclusions. Pending no last-minute changes in the General Assembly this week, we will be begin having meetings with groups to begin this process. We are continuing to transform our facilities and pending this building makes it through the entire legislative process, we will be building several new ones at once.

FAFSA:

- There continues to be a nationwide frustration with the FAFSA (Pell) filings. If you encounter any students with questions related to the FAFSA (Pell aid) or their aid in general, please help them get over to our Office of Financial Aid as quickly as possible. Our staff in the office are poised to try to help them until there becomes more national clarity.

We have a host of end-of-the-year events in April to honor both students and employees, and hope that you can attend as many as feasible to show your support.

Many thanks to all.

Jay Morgan
President