

MSU Faculty and Staff:

As we begin another academic year at MSU (our 137th fall semester), we wanted to welcome faculty back to campus over the next week, as well as update all employees on numerous dates and events, etc. Early arrival for some student move-in begins this Sunday, August 11, with a steady stream picking up throughout the week. The following are a few updates:

Dates for Fall 2024:

- Fall Convocation – August 14 – ADUC Ballrooms – Breakfast at 8 am and short program at 8:30 am
- Faculty and Staff Back to School Planning Week – August 12-16
- Student Move-In – August 11 – 18 (New Students August 15-16)
- First Day of Classes – August 19
- Family Weekend – September 6-7
- Homecoming – October 11-12
- Open Enrollment for 2025 Health Care – October 7-18 (Tentative)
- Holiday Luncheon for Employees – December 6 at the Rock
- Fall Commencement – December 14 at 10:30
- 2024-25 Academic Calendar:
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/academics/academic-affairs/registrar/calendars>
- 2024-25 Personnel Calendar:
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/about-msu/leadership/administration/human-resources/employees/calendar>

Congratulations and Thank You to:

- Congratulations to our Women's Volleyball Team as recipients of the 2024 AVCA Team Academic Award
- Congratulations to our Radiology / Imaging Science program for a 100% student pass rate <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/news/2024/06/radiologic-science-cohort-earns-100-pass-rate-on-credentialing-exam?image=>

Staffing Updates:

- Dr. Jasmyne Lewis joined us as Dean of Libraries in July. She has prior experience in public and governmental libraries.
- Yuliana Susanto-Ong joined us as Director of Institutional Research on August 1. Yuliana comes to us with 18+ years of institutional research experience.
- Dr. Jason Adkins will assume the role of Coordinator of Education Abroad. He is currently an associate professor at MSU in political science and government.
- Emily Weideman has joined us as Director of Housing and brings several years of experience both at MSU and other universities.
- Tosha Binion has served as Interim Director of Financial Aid for the past few months and beginning August 1 will serve as the permanent Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

- Michaela Smedley will move into our position of Asst. Director for Scholarships in the Financial Aid office
- Melisa Patrick will assume the role of Director of Student Activities in Student Affairs
- Megan Duff will assume the role of Director of SOAR
- Chloe Marstiller will move into the position of Coordinator of Greek Life in Student Affairs

Provost / Vice President for Academic Affairs Search:

The search process for Provost and VPAA will begin this fall and follow a normal national search timeline with the final candidates coming to campus in late January/early February for campus visits. The search committee is composed of:

Russ Mast – Vice President for Student Affairs - Non-voting Chair
 Jon Musgrave – Smith College of Business & Technology
 Lori Baruth – Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
 Michael Kessinger – Volgenau College of Education
 Patricia Harrelson – College of Science and Engineering
 Lucinda Ward – University Library
 Michelle Barber – Director of Advising and Retention
 Emma Sherman – Student Representative
 James Masterson – Representing Department Chairs
 Ahmad Zargari – Representing Deans Council
 Ben Malphrus – Space Science / Program of Distinction

Vice President for University Advancement Search:

Rick Hesterberg has elected to retire this fall after two terms of duty at MSU. We will be starting an internal search process to help us meet the timeline for continuity of leadership for the division and a new person identified this fall. The search committee is composed of:

Mary Fister- Tucker – Vice President for Fiscal Services - Non-voting Chair
 Fatma Mohamed – Faculty Representative
 Casey Cosgriff – Faculty Representative
 Kenna Gauche – Athletics Representative
 April Nutter - COMA Representative
 Jessie Ferguson – Alumni and Development Representative
 Rachel Rogers – Craft Academy Representative
 Perry Allen – MSU Foundation Board Representative
 Noah Cupps – Student Representative

Artificial Intelligence Workgroup:

One of our initiatives this year is to infuse knowledge of artificial intelligence into our campus, as well as to assess how it may affect our campus instructional, work, and student success

environments going forward. The following individuals have been asked to comprise a working group for this purpose based on their prior experience or representation for an area:

John Nelson – Convener
Jim Masterson
Rachel Rogers
Heba Elgazzar
Donell Murray
April Nutter
Patrick Gonzalez
Siriporn Peters
Alison Hruby
Holly Pollock
Sherif Rashad
Elijah Jenson
Daryl Privott
Rick Phillips
Steven Fife
Connie Grimes

Recent Board of Regents Meeting Summary:

Our Board met recently with the following business / items:

- Approval of minutes, election of officers, ratification of personnel items, approval of an updated Student Code of Conduct, amendment to a fee schedule for a course, granting of faculty emeriti status for Greg Wing (Music), and approval of a state matching fund of donor money.
- Approval of athletic contract extensions for Braden Ward (Baseball) and Mark Coleman (Cheerleading)
- Approval of policy changes for faculty with ‘Instructor’ titles to more consistently define service in their FEP’s, as well as the development of a promotional opportunity for Instructors to move to Senior Instructor. Note: Department Chairs and Deans will be speaking with Instructors about the FEP and policy change soon. One of the basis for this change was to find consistency across our many departments for FEP and service towards student success.
- The Board heard a presentation on 2024-2025 University Goals and Initiatives, an update on financial aid, a presentation on honoring buildings and naming plans, an update on the Quality Enhancement Plan, a presentation on Name, Image, and Likeness in athletics, a report on service contracts, and a presentation on calendar year 2025 employee health care plans.
- The Board also approved state asset preservation funds for campus technology upgrades, Fields Hall basement renovation and stone repair, a Breckinridge Hall roof replacement, water mitigation around former Laughlin and Wetherby areas, a complete renovation of

Normal Residence Hall in summer 2025, a renovation of the Veterinary Technology Building at the MSU farm, and a roof replacement for Eagle Lake Apartments.

Streets and Parking Lots:

Over the summer we paved a few parking areas, but will be holding off on working on paving actual streets for a little while as construction crews come in and out of campus. The increase in large truck traffic for construction and renovation will take a toll on our streets, and we will come back and fix them after some of the heavy traffic is behind us.

Many thanks to everyone and we hope to see you at Convocation on August 14.

Jay Morgan
President