

**April 12, 2023**

**MSU Faculty and Staff:**

The following are a couple of quick items to keep our campus updated.

Thank You's:

- Thank you to Melissa Brown on our grounds crew. She does an excellent job and keeps our grounds looking good.
- Thank you to several faculty and staff who have gotten our education abroad programs going again post-pandemic. Several groups completed abroad programs during spring break and several are scheduled for this summer. These are very beneficial to our students.

Provost and Vice President Update:

This week we hosted Dr. Raj Parikh for a campus visit and many had the opportunity to visit with him across several venues. Based on the feedback we have extended an invitation for Dr. Parikh to join us as Interim Provost beginning this summer. He is interested and is working on a few final details on his end. We do have plans of scheduling a transition week or two with he and Dr. Norman in June. Dr. Parikh will plan to serve for the 2023-2024 year in which we will conduct a national search beginning in the fall.

Board of Regents Meeting Update:

Our Board recently met and the link summarizes the meeting business. <https://moreheadstate.edu/news/2023/03/board-holds-march-meeting>

At the Board meeting I also recommended that the following individuals be approved for tenure/promotion/sabbaticals. Please take a moment to congratulate these if you have an opportunity on this professional achievement.

Approved for Tenure and Promotion (Associate Professor):

Cheng Cheng – Engineering and Technology  
DuWayne Dale – Music  
Heba Elgazzar – Computer Science  
Amber Hughes – Educational Counseling  
Kouroush Jenab – Engineering and Technology  
Ryan McGillicuddy – Music  
Michelle Paise – Music  
Thomas Pappas – Music  
Rebecca Roach – Education  
Steven Crites – Education

Approved for 2023-2024 Sabbaticals:

Jason Holcomb – Geography and Global Studies

James Masterson – Political Science

Robyn Moore – Art

Many thanks to everyone and it is good to see the spring sunshine and campus scenery blooming again.

Jay Morgan

President