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*From the Office of the Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Academic Affairs Update

University of Northern Iowa

From Provost Wohlpart

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to a glorious start of the 2015-16 academic year. As you know, we have a unique opportunity at the University of Northern Iowa to create a national model for teaching and learning in the 21st century, and given the pressures facing higher education there is some level of responsibility that falls to our shoulders because of this opportunity.

I have offered a vision of what I have seen here on our campus: creating an integrated and seamless plan for engaging students in the eternal act of becoming thriving professionals, active and engaged citizens and fully realized human beings. This vision is one that emanates from the already high level of applied and engaged learning that occurs here, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The challenge I offer is to work towards creating an intentional plan for that engagement so that students do not accidentally become involved in applying their learning outside the classroom, but that it becomes a part of our curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

This is an exciting time in higher education, and an even more exciting time at UNI, for I believe that here we can together create a vision for a 21st century education and put that vision into practice. I look forward to getting to know all of you, and working with you to elevate our vibrant and rich, innovative and transformative learning community.

Awe & Wonder,

Jim

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



Academic Master Plan Open Forums

During the coming year, we will develop our Academic Master Plan with a vision, mission and strategic goals. The AMP Steering Committee has been hard at work and is ready to share draft vision and mission statements for your feedback. The open forums to gather your input will be held in the Commons Ballroom as follows:

- 9:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15
- 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16
- 5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21

Please join us for one of these sessions so that we can collectively develop our vision and mission.

New Faces/New Positions at UNI

College of Business Administration

Nicholas Bailey, Management

College of Education

Sue Alborn-Yilef, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education
Dana Atwood-Blaine, Curriculum and Instruction
Clayton Edwards, Curriculum and Instruction
Mark Hecimovich, School of School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services
Mason Kuhn, Curriculum and Instruction
Shuaib Meacham, Curriculum and Instruction

College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences

Jaimie Gilbert, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Abbylynn Helgevold, Philosophy and World Religions
Katherine Osborne, School of Music
Lisa Riedle, Technology
Ross Winter, School of Music

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Olivia Chen, School of Applied Human Sciences
Seong-In Choi, Psychology
Heather Kennedy, School of Applied Human Sciences
Jill Wittrock, Center for Social and Behavioral Research

Rod Library

Katelyn Browne, Youth Services Librarian
Angela Cox, Instruction and Liaison Librarian
Anne Marie Gruber, Instruction and Liaison Librarian

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