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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dear colleagues,

We are past the midway point of the fall semester and Thanksgiving break is on the horizon. Thanks for all the great work so far this semester. Here are some updates that might be of interest to you.

Registration is underway for annual professional development conference

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee continues to seek participants for this fall's conference, "Make It Happen, Make It Matter," which will be held on Wednesday, November 18, from 8 am to noon in Maucker Union. The conference begins with the keynote address from President Ruud and is followed by breakout sessions. Visit [here](#) for details on presentation topics and speakers as well as to register for the event. Participants are welcome to stay for the full morning or come and go as schedules allow. Thanks to the committee for planning an outstanding program. I look forward to seeing all of you who are able to attend.

Preview day planned for November 13

The Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs Master's Program, in collaboration with the Division of Student Affairs, is hosting the sixth annual Student Affairs Preview Day this Friday, November 13, on the UNI campus. Preview Day is open to any student interested in learning about UNI's Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs Master's Program. The half-day event will include information about the application process, curriculum, assistantship and funding opportunities, and graduate student life. The day will conclude with lunch and an interactive panel of current faculty, staff, and students. Any student interested in attending Preview Day should contact Professor Jamie Workman (jamie.workman@uni.edu) or Mark Rowe-Barth (mark.rowe-barth@uni.edu).

"One Is Too Many" initiative launched

After two years of planning, the Suicide Prevention Team, comprised of students, faculty and staff at UNI, is pleased to announce: One Is Too Many. This effort is intended to expand the ethic of caring for our students, growing their sense of connectedness and belonging as a part of the UNI community. The goal for this academic year is to reach faculty and staff with a face-to-face "One Is Too Many" presentation. To schedule this presentation for your department, please contact Mark Rowe-Barth, Student Wellness Services, at mark.rowe-barth@uni.edu. You can also find information and resources here: uni.edu/oneistoomany. Thanks to all who contributed to this critical initiative; your persistence and care are greatly appreciated.

Campus open forums set for Director of Residence Life candidate

Four finalists for the Director of Residence Life position have been scheduled to visit campus (one additional candidate is expected to be scheduled). You are invited to attend an open forum for each finalist. The candidates will begin the hour-long session with a 20 minute presentation on the role of Residence Life in student success on a university campus, followed by a 40 minute Q&A session. Dates are November 16, 17, 18 and 19, all 2:30 - 3:30 pm in the Elm Room, Maucker Union. Please attend if you can.

Provost, new VP for Advancement tour Student Affairs facilities

We had a very successful tour recently with Provost Jim Wohlpert and Vice President Lisa Baronio. We visited Student Health Clinic, Counseling Services, Student Disability Services, Recreation Services, and Student Wellness Services. They spoke very positively about the entire experience, commenting on the quality of facilities, the friendliness of staff, and the services offered. Thanks to everyone who helped make this tour a success. We will look forward to two remaining tours, covering Gilchrist, Maucker and Residence.

Mumps cases confirmed

The Student Health Clinic has recently confirmed cases of the mumps and additional cases are being investigated in the community. The Clinic is working with the Black Hawk County Health Department and the Iowa Department of Public Health on these cases. Students with confirmed cases that live off campus and have been instructed to remain in isolation for five days or longer if their symptoms persist. The Dean of Students Office has contacted the faculty of each student to alert them of their absences.

Moving forward, we will continue to test students who exhibit symptoms and ask them to isolate until tests confirm their diagnosis. A campus-wide communication is planned soon. Complete details are available [here](#).

Important dates

November 2015

18 – Student Affairs Professional Development Conference, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

December 2015

2 – Board of Regents Meeting (telephonic)

10 – International Students and Scholars Graduation Reception

19 – Fall Commencement

January 2016

7 – Student Affairs Staff Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

11 – Classes begin, 8 a.m.

18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

20 – Town Hall Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion, 2 p.m.

Staff updates

-- Evie Waack, financial aid counselor, retired after more than 31 years of work at UNI. Congratulations, Evie, and thanks for your contributions to so many students over the course of your career. You will be missed.

-- Ashley Stewart, Coordinator of New Student Programs, was selected to participate in the recent New Professionals Institute (NPI) at the NASPA 4E Regional Conference. NPI is the preeminent professional development opportunity for new student affairs professionals in the Midwest. Congratulations, Ashley!

-- Kyle Maitland, a senior majoring in Communication and also pursuing a minor in Interactive Digital Studies from Parkersburg, IA. Kyle has joined the staff at the Office of the Vice President as communication assistant. Among other projects, Kyle will assist in producing this newsletter.

-- Glenn Gray, assistant vice president of student affairs and executive director of residence, will serve as our division's representative on the Policy Review Committee.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

Terry Hogan

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