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Division of Student Affairs

September 2012

Dear colleagues,

The fall is upon us, the campus is humming with activity, and the September newsletter is coming out in October! Hope you are off to a good start. Here is information on happenings around the Student Affairs division:

Frederick to lead community college relations effort

I am pleased to announce that Bob Frederick has agreed to temporarily lead our effort to improve community college relationships. Bob will continue to provide oversight to Career Services, though Matt Nuese will take on an expanded role (also temporarily). Bob will continue to report to me and will work closely with Christie Kangas and her staff at Admissions as well as with academic leaders across campus. Thanks to Bob for his willingness to assist in this important effort.

Diversity Team seeks more members

The Student Affairs Diversity Team, led by Priscilla Villarreal of the Counseling Center, is still seeking members for the current year. If you are interested, contact Priscilla at 273-2676 or <priscilla.villarreal@uni.edu>.

Payne represents Student Affairs in NCBI initiative; new opportunities available

Melissa Payne, coordinator of student assistance and outreach at the Office of the Dean of Students, has been named to represent the Student Affairs division in the ongoing work of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) through the Office of the Provost. As part of the UNI Coalition Builders team, she will work with other faculty and staff leaders to spread NCBI programming across campus.

Introductory 3-hour workshops, "Welcoming Diversity: Valuing the Differences Among Us," are now available on campus. These sessions are highly interactive and offer a sampling of thought-provoking self-enrichment activities that help participants first understand their own cultural learning. Sessions are free and open to all students, faculty and staff. Please consider participating in this important effort. Sign up and find more information [here](#).

Office space changes in the works

Several of our colleagues will be moving over the course of the coming year. First, the Student Affairs IT staff will relocate to the Registrar's Office. Sam Barr, Mike Holmes and Rachel Jones will work in rearranged space at the east end of the office. The office will remain open throughout the renovation, but Jennifer Suchan

and Marissa Timmerman will be temporarily housed in the meeting room at GIL 113. Next, Ashley Stewart will move into the office formerly occupied by Mike and Rachel. Finally, a more significant reorganization will occur when space within Career Services/Academic Advising will be reconfigured to allow Student Disability Services to move to Gilchrist from the Student Health Clinic. All phone numbers will remain the same. Thanks for your patience while these important moves are accomplished.

Student Health 101 launched by WRS

Congratulations to WRS on its launch of the new interactive monthly magazine for students that is full of information for a great college experience. You can check out the most recent edition [here](#).

Student support functions find temporary locations

While permanent locations are being sought, LGBT student groups and the new Office of Military and Veterans Student Services have found temporary homes. UNI Proud, Transgenda and One Iowa are currently functioning in the Maucker Union Purple Pen Room and MVSS will settle in at ITTC 139 once a coordinator is hired.

Counseling Center to host speaker

Dr. Roberto Swazo (Clemente) will return to UNI on Thursday, October 11, to present "Are Diversity and Multiculturalism Truly Important: Do They Really Make a Difference in Academia?" Dr. Swazo's presentation will take place at 3:30 pm at the [Center for Multicultural Education](#).

Healthy Campus Coalition launched

Kathy Green, director of University Health Services, is leading the new UNI Healthy Campus Coalition. This group will be made up of key stakeholders across campus and will coordinate a campus-wide approach to creating a university environment that supports the health, wellness, and safety of its members through education, promotional activities, policies, practices, and services. In many cases, the HCC will support existing goals of the departments or groups that the HCC members represent. This initiative is related to the American College Health Association's Healthy Campus 2020 program but is being personalized to fit our campus's specific needs. The coalition has met for the first time and its work is underway. Thanks to all who are contributing to the effort.

Cedar Falls and UNI aim to be Blue Zone Communities

A program that will fall under the umbrella of the Healthy Campus Coalition is the Blue Zones Project. Blue Zones areas are areas where people reach age 100 at an astonishing rate. The Blue Zones Project aims to adopt the lifestyle principles of these areas to transform American cities and towns into Blue Zones Communities, where people can "live longer, better" lives. Recently, Cedar Falls has joined this movement to become a Blue Zones Community and UNI is committed to supporting this project by becoming a Blue Zones Worksite. The HCC will lead this

initiative across campus and you will be seeing many opportunities to get involved and make a commitment to live healthier through this project.

Employee wellness survey available

The UNI Employee Wellness program is conducting an [employee interest survey](#) for faculty & staff and your input is needed. Between now and October 22, please take five minutes to complete the confidential survey. Employees who complete the survey by October 9 will receive a UNI Camelbak water bottle (quantities are limited). To receive the water bottle, print the survey confirmation page and bring it to the [Employee Benefits & Wellness Fair](#) on Tuesday, October 9, in the UNI Commons Slife Ballroom between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Contact [Bobbi Vandegrift](#) in Human Resource Services with questions.

Welcome to new Registrar staffers Carol Squires, Joy Thorson

Late this summer, Carol Squires joined the Registrar's Office as a record analyst. Carol previously worked as the secretary for the Women's and Gender Studies Program. And, Joy Thorson has made a move, shifting from Admissions to the Registrar's Office where she will work with graduate programs. Welcome to both!

Academic Learning Center celebrates 5th Anniversary

Join in celebrating the ALC's 5th birthday during National Tutor Week October 1-5! Come and go from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. any day during the week and learn about the ALC's history and services, grab a treat, and enjoy the atmosphere!

Murra helps Women's Rugby excel

UNI Women's Rugby was recently honored by the Iowa Legislature for its outstanding achievements, both on and off the field, since the team began in 1994. The team has garnered two national titles, eight consecutive years of qualification for the Sweet Sixteen, three players in the World Cup and a total of 315 wins. We are especially proud, since our own Jennifer Murra, counselor and assistant director of clinical services at the Counseling Center, serves as one of the head coaches of the team. For more about this honor and about the team, click [here](#). Congratulations to the team and its outstanding coaching staff.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

Terry Hogan
Vice President for Student Affairs