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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Division of Student Affairs has seen some tremendous success this past year. As our first-year student enrollment continues to increase so does our campus. The new Dining Hall and Clinical Sciences Building have been in full construction this past year. Campus Recreation also installed a new 9-hole Disc Golf Course, which has been very popular. Minnesota State University, Mankato students have many exciting opportunities to discover throughout their educational experience. In the pages that follow, you will learn more about how each of our offices helped students achieve their big ideas. Central in all of these stories and accomplishments is the deeply dedicated Student Affairs staff, who are working to develop real-world solutions to deliver the best collegiate experience possible.

As we move forward in this coming year our focus will be on completion of four goals that correspond with the University Strategic Directions (2016-2021). Completion of these goals will be led by a core group of our student affairs



leaders with support from many additional staff within the Student Affairs Division. These goals will define our direction over this next year and will support the University in achieving even greater heights:

- Create after-hours support for student success
- Build Veteran and active military student support services
- Examine student affairs work to identify any opportunity gap impacts for traditionally underrepresented students
- Improve the security of our campus

These four goals will drive our purpose and efforts in the learning laboratory that is our campus. As you learn about the many achievements of this past year, I ask you to celebrate these successes and more importantly, look ahead to the future. We continue to invest in programs, technology and our staff to realize even greater successes, so stay tuned. Our Maverick pride grows exponentially each year, and we invite you to discover how you can get involved with Student Affairs.

Yours in Maverick Spirit,

David P. Jones

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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE



The Undergraduate Admissions Office will enthusiastically, ethically and professionally identify, recruit, admit, and serve high school, transfer and international students and their related constituencies. We will uphold a commitment to enhancing diversity that is consistent with the University's educational mission and enrollment goals.

Undergraduate Admissions processed more than 16,000 applications during the 2015-2016 year. Of those applications nearly 4,000 were processed during the National College Application Week in November. This was the most applications processed in the Minnesota State System.

The number of admitted international students increased from 407 in Fall of 2015 to 662 for Fall 2016. This is a 62.7 percent increase from the previous year.

The 2015-2016 academic year also included an increase in enrollment as it was the University's 4th largest incoming student class. Undergraduate Admissions also worked closely with Academic Affairs to craft a brand new policy regarding undergraduate transfer credits. This new policy will provide increased transparency and service to transfer students looking to attend Minnesota State Mankato.

CAMPUS RECREATION

The mission of the Office of Campus Recreation is to promote long-term healthy lifestyle behavior through participation in multi-faceted recreational, educational and leisure opportunities.



Campus Recreation constructed a 9-hole disc golf course on campus during the summer of 2015 utilizing funds from institutional equipment for the pins. The course has been very popular and a great addition to campus. Continuing to be a huge success and a “wow” factor on campus, are the indoor and outdoor climbing walls, which since August 2012 have now reached over 69,000 climbers.

Remodeling of the First Aid room and a new purple and gold paint job in the Otto Recreation Center restored

functionality and esthetics. With the addition of fathead logos on the walls, this also aided in boosting Maverick Pride.

In a collaborative event between the Human Performance Department and the Centennial Student Union Serendipity Music Grant, over 200 persons participated in a free yoga class taught by Campus Recreation Program Coordinator, Carly Hopper, in the CSU Ballroom as a fundraiser for two different foundations in South Africa. Live music was performed by Good Night, Gold Dust.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER



The Career Development Center equips Minnesota State Mankato students and graduates with the tools and resources to successfully explore, develop and manage their career paths for a lifetime. We provide essential connections between individuals, academics, employers and the global community.

The Career Development Center in collaboration with New Student & Family Programs administered 650 career assessments to students in 27 First Year Experience courses. The students took either the Strong Interest Inventory or the MBTI and also participated in a 50 minute interactive session held in the Career Development Center's Career Library. 78% of the students surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that taking the assessment allowed them to more fully understand their interests in choosing a major

and career path and 83% agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend continuing this initiative for future FYE courses.

During 2015-2016 8,775 students and alumni actively engaged with Career Development Center programs and services. Also 4,695 students learned about career planning through classroom and group presentations. The Career Development Center served more international students and students from

diverse/underrepresented backgrounds this past year.

6,936 jobs and internships posted on the Career Development Center's Mavjobs system during the past year. This is the sixth consecutive year of increased postings. There are more than 2,000 employers active in Mavjobs and this year saw a significant increase and the highest number of employers attending career and job fair events with 910 in attendance compared to 591 in 2012-2013.

CENTENNIAL STUDENT UNION

Serving as the student-centered heart of campus, the Centennial Student Union provides an innovative, dynamic and inclusive learning environment where quality facilities, programs and services complement and enhance the academic experience.



The 2015-2016 year allowed for many successful events for the Centennial Student Union. Guest lectures, the homecoming concert and film series were enjoyed by many Mavericks. The outdoor summer film series started out in June 2016 and was very successful with 420 people in attendance. The Dance Marathon to benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare was a great success, when in its 6th year at Minnesota State Mankato, the Dance Marathon raised over \$27,000 in 2016.

Student Leadership and Talent continue to be a strong resource for the Centennial Student Union and Student Activities. There are elevator wraps around the CSU highlighting various student organizations, a CSU Student Employee of the Month and RSO of the month are highlighted on the website and each semester in the Hearth Lounge a student is highlighted on the BEST Board (Boasting Exceptional Student Talent). There is also a Student Leadership Retreat, which is a weekend immersion experience growing our student leadership pool across campus.

COUNSELING CENTER



The Counseling Center offers confidential help to assist students in resolving personal, social and educational concerns that may be interfering with their ability to succeed at the University.

While maintaining full accreditation from the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), the Counseling Center continued their popular "Discovering Yourself" outreach series that offered 26 presentations to 130 students. Group counseling was also offered for the second year, in addition to individual counseling, with successful groups in "Understanding Self & Others" and "Managing Your Emotions."

The Counseling Center successfully hired and trained a

new Office Manager after 27 years with a previous employee. The Center also maintained a highly-respected and successful training program for graduate students in psychology, counseling and social work. The Counseling Center's staff also engaged in significant university service, professional service and scholarly activities.

The Counseling Center also collaborated with the Psychology Department to offer a four-part "Becoming a Resilient Student" outreach series.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Minnesota State Mankato Student Health Services provides quality and affordable medical services and health education to students to enhance their learning experience and support their academic success.



Student Health Services saw a 2 percent increase over FY14 with 15,755 individual medical or nurse visits. Of those 4,561 were unduplicated patients, a 4 percent increase from FY14. Use of the pharmacy continues to increase with prescriptions and over-the-counter medicine equaling 12,648 fills. The lab also saw an increase over FY14 with 7,444 labs drawn.

During the 2015-2016 year Student Health Services had a significant staffing change with the hiring of a new Medical Director. Fortunately, the search brought forth a current team member so the transition was seamless and excellent patient

care was maintained as the previous Medical Director has stayed on part-time.

Now in its 7th year, the Alcohol-Wise education program, which is geared toward incoming first-year students to educate them on the misconceptions about alcohol and marijuana use on campus by providing them with accurate statistics and personalized feedback on drinking patterns and behavior, has seen great success. Through this University expectation, auto enrollments in the program were at 2,062 students with a completion rate of 85 percent or 1,758 students last year.

NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



The Office of New Student and Family Programs connects students and their parents to the resources, services and opportunities they need at Minnesota State Mankato. We ease the transition to college life, make sure that both students and their families feel comfortable on campus and help them develop the confidence they need to achieve their goals. Our goal is to set students up for success in school and beyond.

New Student and Family Programs hired an Assistant Director of Student Success and Communication to assist in the growing number of MavCARES alerts which is an early alert academic referral service for faculty, staff, students, and parents that have a concern about a student, and to be more intentional with follow-up and communication. MavCARES alerts increased from 835 in 2014-15 to 969 in 2015-16. Online alerts also increased by triple over the previous year from 35 to 101.

The Concurrent Enrollment Program saw both success

and challenges this past year. New HLC standards were issued regarding teacher credentials, which will continue to be addressed in the coming year. Under the direction of the Assistant Director for PSEO & Concurrent Enrollment Programs seven \$3,000 renewable Concurrent Enrollment scholarships were created and awarded to Concurrent Enrollment students who will be attending Minnesota State Mankato in the fall 2016.

A new orientation reservation system was also implemented this past year to allow for more outreach to encourage students to register for a program.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Residential Life facilitates students' academic and personal success by providing educational opportunities and convenient accommodations.



Residential Life added 99 spaces to accommodate growth in the incoming class and in short-term Intensive English Language groups. Additionally, two buildings received replacement of loft beds and one building received new dressers for students. Residential Life also implemented free feminine hygiene products in residential lobby restrooms this past year.

Construction on the \$25 million University Dining Center made significant progress last year and is scheduled to open in January

2017. A University Dining Contract was also solidified with Sodexo for five years and includes a vendor investment in University Facilities, meal plan menu and staffing in the new University Dining Center.

In 2015-2016 Residential Life saw a significant transition in staffing, however, now in its fourth year with full-time Hall Directors this program has seen growth with Hall Directors planning and leading a cross-University team in the implementation of the Tunnel of Oppression on campus.

UNIVERSITY SECURITY



The Security Department is an integral part of the campus community, a positive presence on our campus. All members of the department strive to be sensitive to the needs of all while protecting the rights and property of the University community.

University Security created a Crime Victim Information brochure for victims of Domestic Abuse, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking incidents to better serve these victims and improve compliance with the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act. Many other department procedures were also updated or modified to improve compliance and support to the University.

University Security also added nearly all remaining University spaces, with the exception of Residence Hall rooms, to Security Trax for automated delivery of Area Security Reports to space stakeholders. This application provides area stakeholders with timely Area Security Reports and contributes to the reduction of spaces left open after-hours from a high in FY14 of 21,000 to a new low of 12,000 spaces found by security after-hours last year. A reduction of thefts

and burglaries from University buildings is also down from 30 in FY14 to 10 in FY16.

Incident response training was created by University Security and held with Residential Life and the Mankato Department of Public Safety to include live scenarios and table top exercises. University Security also finalized and deployed the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) Emergency Response Guidelines.

OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

To promote and enforce student responsibilities in accordance with state, federal and local laws as well as policies within Minnesota State Mankato and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.



The Office of Student Conduct workload stayed consistent from the previous year. There were fewer suspension/expulsions in 2015-2016 than the previous year; partly because there were no University Student Conduct Board meetings held in fall 2015, and more educational sanctions were available to students as an alternative to suspension.

The Director of Student Conduct met with staff in the Equal Opportunity & Title IX office along with Residential Life to identify the responsibilities of the respective offices under Title IX and to determine an efficient work flow process from time of reporting to final disposition.

A Student Conduct Graduate Assistant developed a Brief Motivational Interviewing (BMI) training module to help Graduate Hearing Officers in the Office of Student Conduct and Residential Life move to a more collaborative approach when meeting with students in the Conduct process.

STUDENT AFFAIRS CAMPUS MAP



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