



### The Dean's Perspective

Happy fall. Here's hoping that the winter is short and sweet! CEL had a great summer filled with College for Kids, testing and online training. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with details for our different areas. As much as we would like to get out and see you all regularly, that just doesn't happen. Our newsletter is the next best thing.

Over the years, many of you have attended our Fall CEL Open House. This event started many years ago and was truly an "open house." We opened our offices on the 1st floor of Administration and visitors wandered through our area eating, drinking, and being merry. Recently, a group of us got together and talked about doing something different. We've been using the same format "pot luck" for many years and it seemed time to change things up. We've decided to move the event to January 2016 and make it more of an afternoon sweet treat social. We think you'll like this new approach to a CEL tradition. Watch your mailboxes for the time and day. You won't want to miss it!

—Dr. Kristen Warmoth, Dean of Center for Extended Learning

### Center for Extended Learning Enrollments

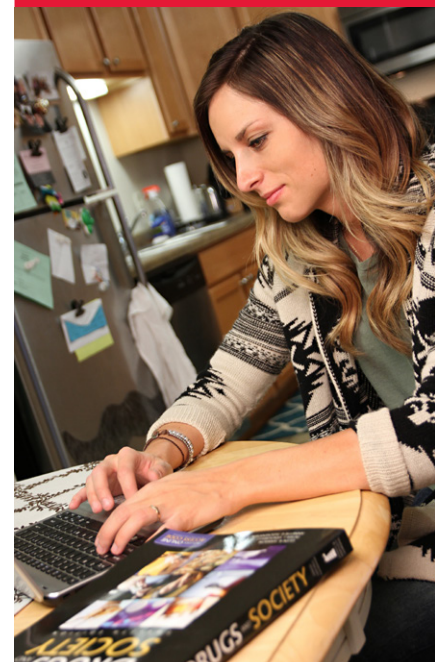
|                                      | Fall 2014<br>Unduplicated<br>Enrollments | Fall 2015<br>Unduplicated<br>Enrollments | % Change in<br>Unduplicated<br>Enrollments |
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| Independent Study                    | 23                                       | 20                                       | -13.0%                                     |
| Online Asynchronous                  | 1068                                     | 1113                                     | 4.2%                                       |
| Online Synchronous                   | 46                                       | 51                                       | 10.9%                                      |
| Interactive Video (IVN)              | 41                                       | 19                                       | -53.7%                                     |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Dual Credit | 189                                      | 160                                      | -15.3%                                     |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Bismarck    | 76                                       | 75                                       | -1.3%                                      |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Fargo       | 66                                       | 79                                       | 19.7%                                      |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Minot AFB   | 259                                      | 227                                      | -12.4%                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>1768</b>                              | <b>1744</b>                              | <b>-1.4%</b>                               |

\*These numbers do not include any non-degree credit courses (ASC 93).

—Jolina Miller, Online Program Coordinator

*"Bittersweet October.  
The mellow, messy,  
leaf-kicking, perfect pause  
between the opposing  
miseries of summer  
and winter."*

— Carol Bishop Hipps,  
"October," *In a Southern  
Garden*, 1995 —



## Academic Advising Council

Whether students are planning on enrolling in online courses, have yet to decide on a major, would like to take classes at an off-campus location, or have a major declared they will have an assigned academic advisor to work with throughout their educational journey here at Minot State University.

In Fall 2015, a new institutional committee, the Academic Advising Council, was formed with intentions of continuing the work of the Academic Advising Task Force which was appointed in Spring 2014. The Academic Advising Council will continue efforts of reviewing academic advising across campus and making recommendations to enhance the advising services provided. The council membership includes broad representation across campus with faculty, staff and students serving from a variety of disciplines.

— *Trisha Nelson, Online Degree Advisor*

## Minot State University at MAFB

The CEL program on the Minot Air Force base is always busy participating in events and working on creative ways to promote awareness of our classes and degrees through both the base and Minot community.

The Veteran Education meeting was held on the MAFB for the first time. The focus of this meeting is to improve the services provided to all active duty, veteran, dependents and spouses at Minot State University. It included the Veteran Center, Registrar's Office, Enrollment Services & Distance Education. Thank you to Andrew Heitkamp, Veterans Center Director, for the planning of the meeting.

We've had a busy and exciting beginning of the Fall term 2015. MSU at MAFB is currently offering Arabic classes to the airmen. We hope to gain more interest in the future and continue offering Foreign Language classes in future terms. MAFB re-introduced many "FLEX" classes. We are always looking for ways to make it possible for all students to take classes no matter how difficult their work schedule.

— *Brigitte E. Mikula, Program Coordinator  
at the Minot Air Force Base*

## Professional & Community Education

This past summer was a busy one for College for Kids. We had 17 different camps with 34 sessions this past summer. Over 430 kids were on campus to learn and have fun. Some of the kids even got to experience their first ever ride in an airplane thanks to the Passport Aviation Camp Experience. Thanks again to all who make College for Kids a success.

— *Amy Woodbeck, Professional & Community  
Education Coordinator*

## CEL Credit Coordinator

The Fall semester saw a slight dip in dual credit enrollment with 163 students and 205 course enrollments. I would like to welcome Melissa Lytton and Tania Balas as new dual credit instructors this fall. Both have previously taught as adjuncts at other locations, but this is their first time teaching dual credit courses. We are currently offering dual credit classes at Bishop Ryan, Des Lacs Burlington, Glenburn, Minot, Surrey, and Tioga.

The Academic Test Center continues to work with 15 different national test companies to offer professional certification and placement testing for the entire community of Minot. We also offer proctoring services for students and community members. We have expanded hours slightly over the past year. Praxis testing is now available one Saturday a month. The ATC is also now offering testing on Mondays in addition to the rest of the week.

— *Jennifer Beneke, Credit Coordinator  
& Academic Test Coordinator*

## Office of Instructional Technology

The Office of Instructional Technology (OIT) now offers two types of Blackboard training opportunities. We have a Bb Crash Course Training which is designed to prepare faculty and adjunct for first-time online instruction. There are four sessions each 45 minutes long. The second is a Bb Just-In-Time training. These workshops are designed to help experienced online faculty master some of the more complex functions and features of Bb. Each session is 30-45 minutes long and includes a combination of hands-on and demonstration. To view the schedule of OIT trainings go to the Faculty Training Opportunities web page.

OIT has also developed an Online Example course. This course serves as a resource for faculty. The example course is a collection of multi-discipline examples of modular design, assessment, multi-media use, and more. If you would like to view the example course contact Mark Timbrook (mark.timbrook@minotstateu.edu, 858-3832) or Sherie Saltveit (sherie.saltveit@minotstateu.edu, 858-3280).

For more OIT news check out Tech News web page.

— *Sherie Saltveit, Online Instructional Designer*

### FUN FACT:

Snapple Real Fact #33: Termites eat through wood two times faster when listening to rock music.

## Minot State University on Bismarck State College Campus

Greetings from MSU @ Bismarck State College! We are currently hosting 15 face-to-face courses for this fall semester and 20 courses are scheduled for the 2016 spring semester on the BSC campus.

Mike Wardzinski, Criminal Justice Advisor/Instructor is currently advising 18 students for the upcoming spring semester. In addition to the traditional courses instructed in the class room he will be adding an IVN course on Interviewing and Interrogation that will be offered to Minot State students at both the Main campus and the BSC campus. During the past fall semester the Field Experience Program for the Criminal Justice Department at both the MSU and BSC campus have been under his supervision and this program is scheduled to continue in the spring.

The Criminal Justice Program graduated seven students at the end of the 2015 Spring Semester. Congratulations go out to James Sayler a 2009 graduate of the MSU @ BSC CJ Program. James was promoted to Warden of Transitional Facilities in September of 2015. Prior to his promotion James was a Corrections Officer and a Corrections Program Administrator for the ND Department of Corrections.

The Social Work program is advised by Susan Herzog. There are 43 students working toward the final outcome of obtaining their Bachelor in Social Work degree, on the Bismarck campus. The students are active in the community, completing their field placements and participating in volunteer activities to facilitate changes from the individual to community level.

Students participating in field work are placed in a variety of agencies under practicing social workers. The placements cross populations groups, ranging from elementary aged children to work with individuals with serious mental health issues at the ND State Hospital. The Bismarck senior students are joined with students in Minot and Dickinson who are also completing their placements. This allows for active discussion about the provision of social work in various North Dakota communities. The Bismarck program also has one student completing her placement in Minneapolis with Hennepin County Social Services. This student joins the class held at NDSU and is able to lend another perspective to the students involved in the Minot State University Social Work program on the Fargo campus. We are proud of the work being completed by our senior students who are demonstrating professionalism, while implementing the knowledge, values and ethics of the Social Work profession.

Other students are actively involved in service learning projects with the Bismarck Public School system at both the elementary and senior levels and with Invisible Innocence. The students are also involved in group facilitation with the Dacotah Foundation and involved in a variety of volunteer activities, where they practice skills, while providing volunteer services to the community.

A few interesting details about the Minot State University (MSU) Management and Marketing programs on the Bismarck State College (BSC) campus. While we no longer have face-to-face classes on the BSC campus, there are currently 37 online students living in or around Bismarck who meet with Jeanne MacDonald, the Management and Marketing program advisor on the BSC campus. Three of these students will graduate at the end of this fall 2015 semester, and another five have applied to graduate at the end of the spring 2016 term.

Under the direction of Dr. Paul Markel, the Psychology and Addiction Studies Club is in the process of being established in Bismarck and is off to a great start. Already, club members have participated in:

- March into the Light Inaugural Walk, September 12 – This community activity supports those struggling with addiction and mental health issues as well as those in recovery.
- Out of Darkness Walk, September 18 – This community activity supports suicide prevention.
- Dr. Darren Dobrinski and Dr. Joseph Engler, School Psychology at Minot State, met with PASC club members in Bismarck on Friday morning, October 2, to discuss the education and training of school psychologists.”
- In October, PASC-Bismarck is volunteering at Papa's Pumpkin Patch and will be participating in the Crop Walk for Hunger as well as the Alzheimer's Benefit Breakfast.

Dr. Kristen Warmoth, MSU Dean, Center for Extended Learning hosted the fall Student Feedback Session for the Bismarck MSU @ BSC Students. The meeting provides Bismarck students the opportunity to express their comments, questions or concerns they may have as a distance learner. The event was held at Bismarck State College Student Union on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015.

— *Bobbi Jo Zueger, Student Services  
Coordinator at Bismarck*