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The Dean's Perspective

HAPPY FALL! It's difficult to believe that the second half of the fall 2016 semester is underway. There are several changes coming to CEL over the next few months. First, Mark Timbrook is retiring the end of October – but will continue to work part-time in his position until we are able to hire a replacement. Next, because of budget cuts we delayed hiring an assistant advisor for the Minot Air Force Base program until January 1. We'll begin searching for someone shortly. Finally, we would like to welcome Dr. Jennifer Boeckel as the Social Work site coordinator for the Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work department's program in Bismarck. Dr. Boeckel earned her doctorate from the University of Denver School of Social Work. She has an extensive research background and her focus is on social justice using community-based participatory research. I know that Jennifer will be a great addition to our MSU@BSC program.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

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



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Center for Extended Learning Enrollments

	Fall 2015 Unduplicate d Enrollments	Fall 2016 Unduplicated Enrollments	Change in Unduplicated Enrollments	% Change in Unduplicated Enrollments
Independent Study	20	31	11	55.0%
Online Asynchronous	1113	1160	47	4.2%
Online Synchronous	51	15	-36	-70.6%
Interactive Video (IVN)	19	74	55	289.5%
Off Campus Face to Face: Dual Credit	160	188	28	17.5%
Off Campus Face to Face: Bismarck	75	70	-5	-6.7%
Off Campus Face to Face: Fargo	79	86	7	8.9%
Off Campus Face to Face: Minot AFB	227	263	36	15.9%
Total	1744	1887	143	8.2%

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

— Jolina Miller, Online Program Coordinator

Early Entry (Dual Credit) and Academic Testing Center

Fall 2016 semester has early entry (dual credit) enrollments of 193 students and 248 course enrollments. Participating high schools offering dual credit classes include Minot High, Bishop Ryan, Nedrose, Des Lacs-Burlington, Glenburn, and Surrey. Early Entry enrollment also includes students at New Town, Tioga, and Bishop Ryan high schools taking MSU classes online or on the MSU campus. Call 858-3990 with inquiries about the Early Entry program.

The Academic Test Center continues to provide proctoring services to students and also works with national test companies to offer professional certification and placement testing for the Minot community. Test Center hours are Tue-Fri 8am-4pm (some Monday appointments available). Appointments are needed for testing and can be made by calling 858-3830 or emailing msu.testing@minotstateu.edu. Testing is also done at the MAFB Education Center Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Members of the military can make appointments for CLEP and DSST testing using an online scheduler at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/pages/mafb-test.shtml>.

The ACT Compass placement test is being phased out and will only be available for testing through November 30, 2016. Data will be available via ACT eCompass through December

31, 2016. A replacement for Compass, determined by the MSU academic departments, will be available at the testing center.

*— Kari Schmidt, Credit Coordinator &
Thomas Rakness, Academic Test Center Manager*

Professional and Community Education

We have an exciting new partnership starting. We have partnered with Strengthen ND for a Non-Profit Certificate program. Fifteen individuals from Minot and surrounding area non-profit organizations will be meeting on our campus every month for the next 6 months to learn about various topics, which include Board Governance, Finance Ethics & Human Resources, Strategic Planning & Action Planning, Grant seeking & Grant Writing, and Marketing & Public Relations. We had lots of interest in the program and hope to have it as an annual event.

*— Amy Woodbeck, Professional &
Community Education Coordinator*



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Online Degree Seeking DEAN'S LIST—Spring 2016

An honor extended to those students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship with a semester GPA between 3.50 and 3.79

Chase A Betz, Management Information System
Jonathan Paul Burchett, Management
Katelyn Rose Caraballo, Management
Kandice Joleen Foster, Management
Melanie R Heller, Management
Charli LeNae Kosbab, Management
Kolby Joel Lang, Management
Daniel Tortorelli, Management
Chelsea Ann Webb, Management

Online Degree Seeking PRESIDENT'S LIST—Spring 2016

An honor extended to those students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship with a semester GPA of 3.80 and higher.

Khatima Amakaaz, Management Information System
Kayla Blaze Bogedin, Management
Larry Wayne Jeffcoat, Management
Justice Jayson Rabbithead, Management
Trista Smith, Management
Justin Clifford Wilson, Management Information System
— *Trisha Nelson, Online Degree Advisor*

Editorial

TOMORROW HAS ARRIVED

by *Mark Timbrook*

Tomorrow always arrives faster than anticipated. And it brings with it change not always embraced, but it comes regardless. The tomorrow faced by those working in higher education involves growing dependence on technology, intense data collection, student mobility coupled with a changing student population, and reevaluation of a college degree and training.

The shift in technology has been on the horizon for nearly a decade; however, some faculty and institutions have been slow to recognize the obvious. Catching up will be stressful and for some career changing. Institutions that still have mission critical processes that are paper-based are a prime example, followed by those that have not invested in their online degree programs and faculty training.

Federal and state funding sources will want clear, concise data that reflect the effectiveness of degree programs, along



with specifics on student retention and success. Institutions that are still crunching numbers by calculator will fall behind. More importantly, those institutions not following the yellow brick road of information produced by data, will have explaining to do, as will Institutions shackled by uncooperative faculty.

Tomorrow — Higher Ed will face the political forces that demand cheaper, if not free, degrees and training programs. When this happens, schools with trained faculty, tech-based enrollment, credit awarding veteran-plans, student retention and success tracking systems, and high value online degree programs will be in the lead.

My longtime view has been one of negativism toward the institution's failure to fully embrace, commit, and invest in MSU Online. In the next year, it will become even more critical for the institution to take this public stance and build quality online course and programs. The SPED department model for design and development should be implemented campus wide. Programs should be created to meet the demand of a mobile, changing student population that is seeking a quality and affordable education.

As I leave on the 11th hour of tomorrow, I wish Minot State University the very best. It has in many areas come far, but in others, it lags woefully behind the leaders in Higher Education. With the absence of an online champion and the faculty driven stalemate in modernization of our online courses, we rest on the edge, tottering between what we are and what we could be.

Minot State University @ Bismarck State College

Greetings from MSU @ Bismarck State College. There are currently 10 face-to-face courses instructed on the BSC campus for the 2016 fall semester. The 2017 spring semester will host 11 face-to-face courses.

Bobbi Jo Zueger will be attending marketing events in the months of October and November. UTTC will host their annual fall Career Fair on October 19. BSC will host a Fall Open House on October 21 and BSC GradFest/Transfer Day is scheduled for November 30.

The MSU at Bismarck advisors have been visiting the BSC classrooms, informing BSC students about the MSU degree programs offered and speaking with prospective MSU students. They have also been out in the community following up with organizations who host the MSU @ BSC students who are enrolled in Field placement courses for the fall semester.

Bismarck PASC members and advisor Dr. Markel participated in the 2016 Crop Walk on Sunday, 9 October. Brianna Martin, Psychology senior, and Dr. Markel have two research presentations accepted for UND's Northern Lights Psychology Conference, to be held Saturday, 22 October.

Mike Wardzinski, Criminal Justice Advisor/Instructor is currently advising 15 students for the fall 2016 semester. In addition to the traditional courses instructed in the class room, he has added a Criminal Justice Special Topics Course as an IVN offering and the Introduction to Investigations course has been offered online.

The Criminal Justice Program has one student scheduled to graduate at the end of the Fall 2016 semester and four are scheduled to graduate at the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

The Social Work program is advised by Dr. Jennifer Boeckel and the Co-advisor is Shelly Paul. There are 42 students currently being advised for the Social Work program. Social Work Admissions applications and Field applications have been submitted by the social work students in Bismarck.

Patty Hunt, MSU's Reference and Library Instruction Librarian traveled to Bismarck the week of August 29th and met with several classes. Patty provided valuable informational packets to students and discussed the many services the MSU library offers to MSU students.

Dr. Kristen Warmoth, MSU Dean, Center for Extended Learning hosted the annual MSU @ BSC student feedback session on September 21. The event was located in the BSC Student Union Missouri Room.

Evelyn Klimpel, MSU's Disability Services Coordinator will be in Bismarck for a site visit on November 2nd and 3rd to meet with MSU @ BSC students who are interested in their accommodation services for the 2017 spring semester.

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

Minot State University at MAFB

The MSU Center for Extended Learning (CEL) at Minot Air Force base remains very active, through both the base and Minot communities, participating in educational events and working on creative ways to promote awareness of our classes and degree programs.

Over the past year, it has become more and more evident that MSU at MAFB has gained the reputation of being the "go to school". The two main reasons for this are the flexible schedules and the squadron classes we offer. The interest/demand for squadron classes has increased tremendously. The MAFB program is continually growing and working on reaching a larger portion of the base population. No matter what the work schedule of our active duty students may be, MSU has a schedule that works for them.

A big 'Thank you!' goes out to our instructors who are dedicated to teaching at MAFB. They are a major reason for the growth and success of our program.

It has been a very busy and exciting time beginning with the 2016 Fall term and we are ready and looking forward to the upcoming 2017 Spring term.

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



*One
kind word
can warm
three
winter
months.*

— Japanese Proverb —