Provost’s News

As we close the spring semester, I want to acknowledge everyone in the Mines community that has supported our students and faculty during the past academic year. On behalf of the institution, thanks for all that you have done for Mines throughout the year.

It has been a busy year for our faculty, with faculty achievements ranging from NSF CAREER awards, appointments as journal editors, and continued high quality publication activity. Faculty have supported student learning and success by advising award winning graduate students, implementing new courses, piloting innovative pedagogical strategies, and mentoring countless numbers of students and student organizations. Faculty contributions greatly enhance the Mines community of scholars and we look forward to your continued successes.

So, once again, thanks to the faculty, staff, and students for all that you do for Mines.

The transition from the academic year to the summer happens over a single weekend. Field session starts with these activities starting next Monday. We all know that summer can be just as busy as the academic year with courses, research projects, and preparation for the upcoming Fall semester. In spite of all that needs to be done, I encourage all members of the campus to find some time over the summer to relax and recharge in preparation for the upcoming academic year.

And finally, as we all wish President Scoggins the best as he transitions into retirement, when you see him on campus take a quick moment to congratulate him on his accomplishments and to wish him the best in the future.
What's Happening
Activities to Support the Strategic Plan

In order to advance the strategic plan that was adopted by the Board of Trustees in December of 2013, the Executive Staff has spent the spring semester defining and launching a range of efforts that will produce positive change on campus. These are listed here, and will include many faculty and staff from around the campus. We have received suggestions and nominations for individuals to serve on committees and will be asking these individuals if they would like to participate in the near future.

Summer brings preparation for, the incoming Class of 2015!

The May 1st national enrollment confirmation deadline has just passed and the Admissions Office is pleased to highlight some of the attributes the incoming freshman class:

- Young women comprise 30.6% of the class versus 25.3% from last year
- The percentages of underrepresented minority and international students are showing slight increases
- The resident to non-resident split is 50/50
- The academic quality metrics of the class match or exceed those of prior years
- The average high school GPA is 3.8
- The average ACT composite is 30; equates to the top 5% of high school test-takers nationally
- The average SAT composite is 1339; a 20-point increase from last year

With a target of matching Fall 2014 total new enrollment of 1,159 students (new and transfer), the currently committed group of 1,243 is exactly where it should be at this point in the admissions cycle. Average summer attrition is about 7%. We are, therefore, well positioned to welcome 1,150 to 1,160 new freshman and transfer students next fall.

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Mines' Vision

Mines will be the premier institution, based on the impact of its graduates and research programs, in science and engineering relating to the Earth, Energy and Environment.