A newsletter from the Registrar's Office at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

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Graduation: Looking Back and Moving Forward

The fall 2019 Commencement was a smashing success, due to the tremendous effort of all the staff who help make the ceremony great! It was a perfect send off for our graduates, so perfect we almost sent them on their way before we let them come into the ceremony! We had 340 graduates participate in the ceremony, while around 515 students were eligible for graduation. It was a great day for celebrating our students' success.



Looking forward to spring 2020, we will be implementing some new exciting things! The first maybe not so exciting thing, is a commencement participation fee. This will be a non-refundable \$30 fee charged to graduating students who plan to participate in the commencement ceremony. This applies to both undergraduate and graduate students. The fee will be used to pay expenses related to commencement such as programs, staging, emergency services, interpreter services, etc. The Registrar's Office along with Business Services and IT are working on a process to collect the information and the fee.



The second actual exciting news is our first doctoral hooding! The first Educational Leadership cohort will be graduating this spring, and will be hooded on stage during the ceremony. We have been collaborating with Graduate Studies and the Bookstore to make sure our first hooding is a success!



It's Conference Time!

UMACRAO 2019

Sarah attended the annual Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (UMACRAO) conference in November in Sioux Falls, SD. The theme was "It Starts with Us: The Bridge from Good Intentions to Impact and Innovation." Some of the sessions attended focused on student mental health, commencement, leadership lessons, FERPA, data analytics, technology and course scheduling just to name a few. We are looking forward to next year's conference right here at home in Moorhead.

MN DARS/Transfer Conference

The conference was held at Madden's Resort in October. Gail, Sarah, Heather, Ivy, Jolene, and Jim were in attendance, along with Sam and Arin from Admissions. The main theme of the conference was the Next Gen student records system, Grad Planner, and other DARS and Transfer topics. Sam and Arin commented that "if you think the transfer team is crazy, you should check out the registrar's crew!" I'm sure they meant crazy fun, am I right? We were also quite entertained by the speaker from the system office who used Star Wars references to explain Next Gen. And you all thought DARS and technology were boring!



Summer Registration

A parody of "Summer Nights" from Grease – Registration Style

Summer Schedule, published online Summer Schedule, hope students don't whine It's out early, register fast Class in summer, oh what a blast Winter days drifting away, to oh summer registration

Tell me more, Tell me more February third is the date Tell me more, Tell me more I don't wanna be late

Register early, that's what I plan Study outside while getting a tan Keep on track, graduate soon Online course on my pontoon Class in summer, it can be fun,

I just love early registration

Tell me more, Tell me more Did you get a good class? Tell me more, Tell me more Do you think you will pass? Better stop saying "ok boomer" Don't tick off my professors, try to graduate sooner That Registrar staff sure are real neat Making sure all my requirements are complete Better run, summer sessions begun, oh I love early registration

Tell me more, Tell me more Grades are in and I passed Tell me more, Tell me more Passed all of my LASC

Commencement day, that's where it ends

I told everyone we'd still be friends Then we made our true vow Wonder what the alums are doing now

College days drifting away, but oh, no more registration!

*disclaimer – no one was hurt during the making of this parody or by the majestic lyrics coming out of Owens 210



Summer Registration Begins Feb. 3!

There are no registration windows or access codes required for summer registration. All students are eligible to register Feb. 3 at 9 am.

Information on summer session can be found at <u>mnstate.edu/summer</u>.

Curriculum Corner

Courses effective for FALL 2020 must be approved by March 6, 2020. This is the date the schedule is published online and before advising begins on March 16. This means it must go through all stages of the curriculum approval process AND be approved at Meet and Confer by Feb. 20, 2020.

Programs effective for FALL 2020 must be approved by the last Meet and Confer date of May 14, 2020.

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