

Regents to meet; Space center groundbreaking set have full agenda

MSU's Board of Regents will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Riggle Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

A variety of items are on the agenda for the meeting, the Board will hear reports on personal service contracts, real property leases, property acquisitions, gift income, and preliminary figures for fall enrollment.

The Regents also will ratify personnel actions, amendments to general receipts bonds and approve tenure, emeritus status, revision of the staff performance management system and disposal of real property.

The spotlight will be on the Space Science Center. A groundbreaking ceremony will follow the meeting at 1 p.m. at the site of the Space Science Center.

Historical tour

A group of MSU students received a "hands-on" lesson about the past when they toured historical stations of the Underground Railroad and other points of interest in the Maysville region.

The 47 students, accompanied by four faculty and staff members, visited Wedonia, Maysville, May's Lick and Washington, and also journeyed to Ripley, Ohio, to tour farms and homes that were key points of the Underground Railroad in the 19th century. "The Price of Freedom Sankofa Underground Railroad Journey" was sponsored by the Office of Minority Retention Services, the Minority Leadership Caucus and the Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention program.

One of the first stops on the trip was a visit to the Simon Luttrall Farm site at May's Lick. Later in the day, the group toured historic Washington. In Maysville, they visited the National Underground Railroad Museum and the Freedoms Underground Railroad Station Museum. Across the river in Ripley, the group walked the Underground Railroad Freedom Trail to the Rev. John Rankin House, an important stop for slaves traveling the route to freedom from 1825-1865.

"I was pleased to see the overwhelming response to such a cultural activity," said James Hodge, minority retention coordinator. "I am encouraged that students will utilize this experience to reshape their attitude toward education and understanding of self-heritage."

Police: Be aware

With the fall term now underway, MSU's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"On the campus, everyone is busy trying to get the semester off to a good start and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow," said MSU Police Chief Joseph S. Cline.

Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reports of theft has police officers being ever more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items, especially on the weekends.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Cline said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

A groundbreaking ceremony will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. for MSU's \$15.6 million research and instructional support facility which will house the Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Center.

Already under construction just east of Normal Hall on Vaughan Drive, the two-story, state-of-the-art building will encompass 45,000 square feet of floor space. It will include a control center for the 21-meter space antenna system on the ridge top above Nunn Hall, RF and electronics laboratories, an anechoic chamber that mimics the electromagnetic environment of space, an advanced computing facility, a rooftop antenna test range, fabrication laboratory, classrooms, offices and reception area, and a digital Star Theatre.

The yet-unnamed building will serve as a research and development facility for fundamental and applied research and for instruction in the space science and astrophysics degree programs.

"This exciting project is a tribute to the vision and imagination of those who conceived the space science program and to the pride and

GIS workshops

How to make use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and freely available Kentucky resources to enhance government and business activities will be the focus of introductory-level workshops that will be offered across east Kentucky.

The workshops are being presented by The Kentucky Center for Geospatial Education, Research and Outreach (KCGERO), housed in MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP), with support by NOAA/NGST. The sessions are designed to acquaint business and government leaders with free GIS applications both online and on the desktop and demonstrate how to acquire the data necessary for enhancing business and government decisions. GIS are tools for compiling and analyzing large quantities of data in a visual and user-friendly environment.

Several Kentucky organizations are working to make available many mappable data sets dealing with Kentucky's environment, infrastructure, economy and transportation systems.

Conducted by Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology, the workshops take place at various venues from 1-4 p.m.

Sept. 25, MSU's Regional Enterprise Center, 151 University Drive in West Liberty; Oct. 30, MSU at Mt. Sterling, Clay Community Center, computer room, 3400 Indian Mound Drive in Mt. Sterling; Dec. 19, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, room 239, Bert Combs Drive in Prestonsburg; and Jan. 8, Ashland Community and Technical College, room L287, Building 3, 1400 College Drive in Ashland.

Reservations are not required, but the workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hare at 783-9436; by e-mailing him at t.hare@moreheadstate.edu; or by visiting www.kcgero.org.

determination of our legislative alumni, especially Rep. Rocky Adkins and Sen. Charlie Borders, who were key players in our state funding for this component," MSU President Wayne D. Andrews said.

"A dream coming true" is how the construction project is described by Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the SSC. MSU is among only four institutions in the U.S. with a bachelor's degree in space science.

Representing Gov. Ernie Fletcher at the ceremony will be Education Secretary Laura E. Owens.

The control center will remotely operate the 21-meter antenna, a 13-meter antenna, a 24-foot antenna system and UHF/VHF antenna systems utilized for satellite mission support and research in radio frequency astrophysics. These systems will be operated from the center which will schedule satellite passes, acquire telemetry from satellites, and operate the largest antenna in radio telescope mode.

The digital Star Theatre will be a 121-seat, multi-function, digital classroom. The room will have a full dome projection system with six digital star projectors and surround sound systems. The Star Theatre will be used as an instructional tool for MSU space science students, visiting K-12 students and the general public. The Star Theatre will host special events such as planetarium shows, NASA-produced videos and commercial IMAX-style movies in 360-degree format.

D. W. Wilburn Inc., of Lexington is the general contractor and Hastings and Chivetta of St. Louis is the project architect. Work is expected to be completed in early 2009.

The Space Science organizational unit was named for former MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin upon his retirement in December 2004. He presided at the commissioning of the \$3 million space antenna system, the first physical component of the Space Science Center. That facility was financed largely with federal funds secured with the assistance of U. S. Rep. Hal Rogers and U. S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

MSU's space science operations currently are housed in temporary facilities in Regents Hall, a former residence hall.

Award winner

MSU's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy and the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) have announced that Erik Reece, author of "Lost Mountain: A Year in the Vanishing Wilderness," is the recipient of the 2007 Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing.

A ceremony honoring Reece will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the KFAC. A book signing and reading featuring Kentucky authors will follow at CoffeeTree Books until 5 p.m. Reece is a lecturer at the University of Kentucky, teaching environmental journalism. Born in Louisville, he has two degrees from the University of Kentucky.

People in the News

Dr. April Miller, assistant dean in the College of Education, was recently appointed to the state's Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Grant Steering Committee. Her appointment was made by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Dr. Jennifer M. K. O'Keefe, assistant professor of science, will present her poster, "Paleoecology and palynologic indicators of paleoclimate, middle Eocene Claiborne group

lignite of Kentucky," at the 119th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in October in Denver.

Ashley Suttler, assistant professor of dance and director of the dance ensemble, will perform her solo work "Serotonin" at the 2007 DUMBO Dance Festival in late September. The festival will be held in New York City's borough of Brooklyn.

Reading Series

Internationally acclaimed spoken word poet Jessica Care Moore will kick off this year's MSU Reading Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Moore is author of two acclaimed books of poetry, "The Words Don't Fit in My Mouth" and "The Alphabet Verses The Ghetto." She is CEO of the publishing house, Moore Black Press, and is featured in two independent films, Hughes Dream Harlem and His/Herstory.

She has read from her work in South Africa, Germany, Scotland, France and The Netherlands and she is a leading voice in AIDS activism, having performed at the United Nations World AIDS Day; in the AIDS Walk opening ceremonies in NYC, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Atlanta; and in the Hip-Hop-A-Thon Concert for the San Francisco Bay Area.

"What an exciting opportunity for the Morehead campus and larger community," said MSU's Writer in Residence Crystal Wilkinson, "performances as rich as this one rarely come our way."

Moore has been featured on Showtime at the Apollo, HBO's Def Poetry Jam series, B.E.T.'s The Ed Gordon Show, Teen Summit, and NBC's Today Show.

The reading series is sponsored by the Caudill College of Humanities, the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, KFAC, Women's Studies Program and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Admission to the event is free and refreshments will be provided. Additional information is available by calling 783-2726.

Literacy grant

MSU's Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, has been awarded a 2007 Literacy Grant worth \$2,500 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She is one of 16 recipients nationwide to receive such an award.

Dr. McCoy plans to use the grant to support "Let's FLIP with PACT: Family Learning Interactive Program and Parent and Child Together," a program in Appalachia, specifically Rowan County, where 21.3 percent of the population lives in poverty as opposed to the national average of 12.4 percent.

The campaign's purposes are to recruit clients for the Adult Learning Center to improve the adults' lives and to participate in FLIP to improve their children's lives. The Family Learning Interactive Program believes the parent's education impacts the child's education and that the parent is the child's first and most important leader.

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

Assistant Dean for Research and Instructional Services #1529, Camden Carroll Library. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 20.

EXTERNAL

Extended Search. Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing #1491, Office of Communications and Marketing. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 21.

Heating and Water Plant Trainee or Operator I, II, or III #1532, Office of Facilities Management. To ensure consideration apply by Sept. 26.

Secretary Specialist #1533, Dean's Office, College of Business. To ensure consideration, apply by Sept. 27.

Extended Search. Assistant Professor of Nursing #1447 (Tenure Track), Department of Nursing. Review of applications will begin Sept. 30 and will continue until the position is filled.

Administrative Assistant #1534, Research and Sponsored Programs. To ensure consideration, apply by Oct. 10.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Sociology #1526 (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology. To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by Nov. 1. However, the position will remain open until filled.

Chair #1517, Department of Psychology. Review of applications will begin Nov. 9 and will continue until the position is filled.

Internal applicants should obtain a copy of the job opportunity posting from the Office of Human Resources indicating the application materials required for each position. Official transcripts are required for administrative positions.

A keyboarding exercise is required for secretarial, clerk/typist and dispatcher positions and must be completed prior to the position closing date. To register for this keyboarding exercise, contact the OHR at 783-2097.

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Campus liaison

Both current and potential college students in the Maysville region have an experienced educator ready to assist them with enrolling at MSU. Garnet Trimble, a public school teacher for more than 35 years, is beginning her second year as MSU's regional campus liaison at the Maysville Community and Technical College campus.

In her role, Trimble identifies, promotes and implements baccalaureate and graduate degree programs in the Maysville region. She interacts with MSU's Office of Enrollment Services to assist students with admissions, scholarship and financial aid processes.

Trimble's office is located at the Maysville campus in room 350A.

Happenings

Thursday, Sept. 20

Folk art exhibit: "Sudan: The Land and the People, Photographs by Michael Freeman," Kentucky Folk Art Center, exhibit runs through Sept. 30.

Art exhibition: "A Natural Order: Artists Exploring Artifice and the Organic," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building.

Board of Regents meeting, Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center, 9 a.m.

Artist's lecture: A Natural Order: Artists Exploring Artifice and the Organic, with Mike McFalls, 111 CY, 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

Space Science Center groundbreaking ceremony, on campus, 1 p.m.

Documentary screening: Ken Burns' "The War," Morehead Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21

Kappa Delta charity golf scramble, to benefit Girl Scouts of the USA, Carrington Greens Golf Course, Salt Lick, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Tennessee State University, Wetherby Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Blue and Gold Ball, for students, faculty, staff and the community, proceeds benefit Spring Break/Spring Back program, MCC, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech University, WG 11 a.m.

Football: Eagles vs. Robert Morris, Jayne Stadium, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

7th Annual MSU All-State Vocal Audition Clinic, Duncan Recital Hall, all day.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Morehead State Public Radio Online Auction, through Oct. 3.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Artist's lecture: A Natural Order: Artists Exploring Artifice and the Organic, with Tom Rice, 111 CY, 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

MSU Reading Series, with Jessica Care Moore, KFAC, 7 p.m.

Faculty recital: Chia-Ling Hsieh, piano, DRH, 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 28

Soccer: Eagles vs. Southeast Missouri, JS, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

MSPR Fall Fund Drive, through Oct. 5.

Football: Eagles vs. Dayton, JS, 1 p.m.

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