



ROUNDTABLE

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Executive Director for University Advancement at ESU selected

Emporia State University is pleased to announce the selection of Judith L. Heasley as the executive director of University Advancement and president of the ESU Foundation.

Heasley, a seasoned professional with broad experience in all aspects of university advancement, was recommended by the search committee and selected by ESU President Michael R. Lane after the on-campus interviews of three highly qualified candidates last week.

“Judy’s impressive array of skills and experience is a perfect fit for this position,” President Lane said. “We are thrilled to bring her to Emporia State at a time when this university is poised for tremendous growth.”

Heasley is currently the vice president of institutional advancement at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Co. Before that position, she was the senior director of college advancement at Arizona State University.

“Leaving Durango and Fort Lewis College is bittersweet,” Heasley said. “However, the capstone of an advancement career is to have the opportunity to serve as the chief operating officer simultaneously for a foundation and an advancement division. The structure at Emporia State University has provided me with this chance – one too difficult to pass up. Further, the university’s advancement and foundation division have a full staff, which coupled with strong state support, will make it easier to build a model program.”

Heasley will begin at ESU on April 12, 2007.

“I want to thank all three candidates as well as our campus community for their participation in the interview process,” President Lane said. “While it was a difficult decision, we consider it a blessing to have a choice of such outstanding professionals. I am confident that together our Foundation and our University are poised to accomplish great things in the next five to seven years.”

ESU Spring enrollment tops 6100, highest in 35 years

Emporia State University is continuing to provide its students with a safe, caring, nurturing environment in a close-knit community devoted to learning as it reported its highest spring enrollment in 35 years.

ESU reported a spring enrollment of 6,120, an increase of nearly 100 students over spring 2006.

“I am very pleased with the continued increase in enrollment at ESU. Our commitment to our students is to provide them with the best education possible. Our excellent faculty and staff work very hard to provide an excellent learning and living environment,” ESU President Michael R. Lane said. “This increase in enrollment reaffirms our values of placing the education of our students at the forefront of our mission.”

ESU experienced a 10 percent increase in new students over last spring. There was a significant increase in on-campus students, up almost 50 students, bringing the on-campus student enrollment to 4,611.

“Our continued focus on student retention and student engagement is fostering a culture on campus that keeps our students connected to their academic learning and civic engagement with the community of Emporia. An aspect that continues to be important to the holistic education we provide.” Dr. Jim Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs, said.

ESU students have the opportunity to study abroad, engage in civic service and participate in experiential learning opportunities. The out-of-classroom experiences give students an advantage with employers in an increasingly competitive job market. Upon graduation ESU students will have practical, hands-on experiences related to their field of interest and are prepared to succeed. Off-campus enrollment rose 3.3 percent with courses offered in Johnson County, Kansas City, Kansas, El dorado, Dodge City and Garden City.

“In addition to increasing our on campus enrollment, ESU meets the needs of students who are place bound. Our online and face-to-face programs are an excellent opportunity for Kansans to complete their education,” Dr. John Schwenn, Vice President for Academic Affairs said.

Annual campus and community scholarship campaign kicks off at ESU

The 2007 campaign for scholarships began at Emporia State University last Thursday with the grand opening of Scholarbucks Café.

The imaginary café, with its “menu” of scholarships, offers faculty and staff an expanded list of scholarships to support during the annual campus campaign. From Presidential Academic Awards to departmental and athletic scholarships, the menu has it all.

The community portion of the annual drive centers around the second annual John Blaufuss Memorial Run/Walk, on Saturday, March 17, in Union Square on the ESU campus. The 5K run and 2-mile walk will raise funds for Presidential Academic Awards while honoring the memory of long-time ESU friend and employee John Blaufuss.

For more information on the events and to register for the Run/Walk, visit <http://www.emporia.edu/saf/foundation/annualscholarshipdrive.htm>

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

Awards

James Wenger, associate professor, Department of Accounting & Information Systems, received The Marquis Who’s Who in America, Sixty-First Edition award for 2007.

Dr. Kenneth A. Weaver, professor and Chair, Department of Psychology and Special Education, received the Advocacy Award for Administrative Excellence from the Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented and Creative. He was recognized at the annual conference in Lawrence on October 9, 2006.

Dr. Mingchu Luo, Senior Institutional Researcher, **Bruce Vieweg**, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and **Christy Schreck**, Institutional Research Analyst, from the Office of Institutional Research, presented a paper at the 2006 OCAIR (Overseas Chinese Association of Institutional Research) Virtual Conference and won the award of best paper in January 2007. The paper was titled "Understanding the effect of geographic characteristics on first year persistence in a Midwest micropolitan university" and has been recommended to present at the National 2007 Forum of AIR (Association of Institutional Research) in Kansas City, MO in June 2007.

CONFERENCE

The **Earth Science Department** just hosted an internationally recognized speaker and will be hosting another one in a few weeks. Details are available at the Departments of Physical Sciences webpage: <http://www.emporia.edu/phycsi/index.htm> under "news". The first talk was attended by an audience of 48 - near capacity for our lecture room and comprised of undergraduates, grad students and faculty from several departments.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rick Nida, assistant professor, Department of Communication and Theatre, and Kris Darnall of the Nevada Humanities Council, presented a public relations workshop at the Federation of State Humanities Councils National Conference in Louisville in November 2006.

Dr. Mingchu Luo, Senior Institutional Researcher, **Bruce Vieweg**, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and **Christy Schreck**, Institutional Research Analyst, from the Office of Institutional Research, presented a paper at MidAIR (Mid-America Association for Institutional Research) Conference in Kansas City, MO in November 2006. The paper was titled "Fitting outcomes of general education assessment and other academic assessments to structural equation modeling: What academic factors affect CAAP scores?"

Heidi Hamilton, assistant professor, Department of Communication and Theatre, presented a paper at the National Communication Association Convention in San Antonio, TX, 2006. The paper was titled, "Cindy Sheehan: Grieving Mother or Left-Wing Radical?"

Dr. Gary Holcomb, associate professor, Department of English, presented a paper in December, titled, "Langston Unashamed: Radical Mythmaking in Hughes's 1930s Short Fiction," to the Langston Hughes Society at the Modern Language Association Convention in Philadelphia.

PUBLICATION

Dr. Gary Holcomb, associate professor, Department of English, presented an article that appeared in December, "Claude McKay, Complete Poems," in the African American Review.

EMPLOYMENT SEARCH

An AA/EOE institution, Emporia State University encourages minorities and women to apply. The following positions are available and may be viewed on the ESU website at: <http://www.emporia.edu/esu/searches.htm> or at <http://www.emporia.edu/humres/classified.htm>

Assistant Professor in Public Policy/Administration, Department of Social Sciences
Instructor/Debate Coach, Department of Communication & Theatre
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication & Theatre
Assistant Professor – Journalism, Department of English
Assistant Professor of History, Department of Social Sciences
Assistant Professor, Art – Engraving, Department of Art
Assistant Professor in Art Education, Department of Art
Teacher/Artist Performer in Voice, Department of Music
Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics
Assistant Professor in Nursing, Department of Nursing
Assistant/Associate Professor in Marketing, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Assistant/Associate Professor in Management, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Assistant/Associate Professor in Rehabilitation, Department of Counselor Education
Assistant/Associate Professor Adaptive Special Education, Department of Psychology and
Special Education
Assistant/Associate Professor in Art Therapy, Department of Psychology and Special Education
Assistant/Associate Professor in School Leadership, Department of School Leadership
Assistant/Associate Professor in School Counseling, Department of Counselor Education
Head of Information and Instructional Services, Department of University Libraries and
Archives
Reference Librarian, Department of University Libraries and Archives
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Assistant Director of Career Services, Career Services
Director of Distance Education Program, School of Library and Information Management
Associate Vice President, Technology and Computing Services
Program Coordinator – CBED – Limited Term, Business Administration and Education
Dean, School of Library and Information Management
Department Chair, English
Athletic Media Relations Assistant, Department of Athletics