



**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
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BOARD OF REGENTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ITEM

June 12, 2018

Open Session

- Following the Board of Regents approval of an academic restructuring proposal at the Board's May meeting, the following have been appointed to serve as Dean of the new colleges:
 - Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, dean of the current College of Education, has been appointed dean of the new College of Education, Health and Human Studies at Southeast. She will begin her new duties Aug. 1, 2018, and continue through June 30, 2020.
 - Dr. Hamner Hill, current interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has been appointed interim dean of the new College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Hill will begin his new duties Aug. 1, 2018, and will continue through June 30, 2019.
 - Rhonda Weller-Stilson, director of the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts and associate dean of the current College of Liberal Arts, has been appointed interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts for the period of July 1-31. This is the month following the planned June 30 retirement of Dr. Frank Barrios, current dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Effective Aug. 1, Weller-Stilson will begin serving as dean of the new Holland College of Arts and Media through June 30, 2021.
 - Dr. Brad Deken, chair of the Department of Polytechnic Studies, has been appointed interim dean of the current College of Science, Technology and Agriculture (COSTA), and will continue as chair of the Department of Polytechnic Studies from May 15-July 31. Effective Aug. 1, Deken will begin serving as interim dean of the new College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through June 30, 2020.
- Dr. Alberto Davila, who was named the Dean of the College of Business in April, began his service on June 1st. Dr. Davila joins Southeast from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

- Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Hawthorn Foundation and engage with new Missouri Governor, Mike Parson. During his remarks, Gov. Parson's mentioned that two of his priorities will focus on infrastructure and workforce development.
- Tomorrow we will host Governor Parson at the University's David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center as part of his state-wide tour to meet with constituents and various industry professionals. Attendees for this visit will include agriculture leaders from throughout southeast Missouri, representatives from Missouri Farm Bureau, and members of the University's leadership team.
- The 2018 Legislative Session ended on May 18th. This year there were a total of 2,359 bills filed – 155 of those were truly agreed to and finally passed. Today we are sharing with you a legislative summary prepared by the Missouri Department of Higher Education that outlines the legislation affecting higher education. The Governor has until July 14th to sign or veto bills.
- On June 1, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ran an article featuring a young man by the name of Moses Gorga. Mr. Gorga recently graduated from Lift for Life Academy in St. Louis, the Charter School we sponsor, and will be attending Southeast beginning this fall. A copy of the article is being passed around for your convenience.
- Last week the campus hosted the Boy Scouts "STEM on CAMPus" summer camp. Approximately 50 scouts were on campus to work on merit badges for areas such as archaeology, electronics, environmental science, geology, medicine, robotics, and welding. We will host a Girl Scout "STEM Camp" in July.
- The River Campus Summer Arts Festival will be Saturday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 5. All events are free. The three shows being performed this year are Little Shop of Horrors, The 39 Steps, and Legally Blonde Jr.
- The USO (United Service Organizations) show to raise money to send students to New York is July 6. The Jerry Ford Orchestra will be performing WWII era songs with our students singing and dancing. Students will also perform pieces from An American Hero. The tickets are on sale for the Bedell at \$25.00. Military discount is \$20.00. A group ("company") of 31 students, faculty, staff and alumni will perform in New York City at the New York Musical Festival from July 23 to the 29th.
- Lumina Foundation, in partnership with the Kresge Foundation, has announced the designation of St. Louis as a Talent Hub. The St. Louis Talent Hub is a collaboration led by St. Louis Graduates, a network of K-12 and higher education, youth-serving non-profit organizations, business and philanthropy. Southeast is one of five higher education institutions named as partners with St. Louis Graduates in the St. Louis Talent Hub (others include Maryville University, University of Central Missouri, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Webster University). Talent Hub cities are committed to eliminating [deep disparities in educational outcomes](#) among African-Americans,

Hispanics, and American Indians, who fare poorly in contrast with white and Asian students. Southeast will utilize funding from this program to hire an additional graduate assistant to support one-on-one mentoring for African American and low-income students.

- Information Technology continues the upgrade of the campus wireless network. Upgrades in Group Housing and Dearmont will be completed over the next two months. At that time upgrades will be completed in all residence halls, and the focus will move to academic buildings. The University Center and Dempster Hall have already been completed as they frequently host external groups requesting guest wireless access.
- The Department of Athletics will host its annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, June 22.