Social Media

We planned to have Nicole Carlone visit to discuss faculty use of social media. Due to a miscommunication on my part this did not happen. The intent was to encourage faculty to be careful with how they use social media. Nicole (ncarlene@kent.edu) has agreed to answer questions faculty might have with social media.

Dean Search

Applications are being received and the search is progressing. On campus interviews are still planned for December. I encourage faculty to participate and provide feedback to the committee. Faculty on committee are Greg Blundell, Robert Hamilton, Leslie Heaphy, and Jayne Moneysmith.

RCFAC News

Enrollment on regional campuses is down overall, and the administration is expressing concern. Changes being discussed include combining administration and sharing faculty between campuses. The Stark campus will probably not be significantly affected by this. We are the largest regional campus and had an increase in head count this past year.

Distance learning courses taught by regional campus faculty are expected to be offered at the regional campus tuition rate starting Fall 2016. The intention is that Kent campus students cannot take courses offered by regional campus faculty and vice versa if sections are offered by both. There is also an expectation that regional campuses will work with the Associate Provost for KSU System Integration (currently Stephen Nameth, but a search for this position will be starting shortly) on coordinating distance learning course offerings, but details have not yet been worked out.

Book Orders

Faculty that have not done so already are encouraged to submit their Spring textbook orders as soon as possible. Getting these orders in early gives our students more, and often less expensive options (used books, different formats, rentals, other sources, etc.).

Testing Center

Lisa Hart has asked me to share a request that faculty not give makeup exams during finals week. Finals week is a very busy time for them, and anything we can do to lessen this load is appreciated.

Science and Nursing Building

If you have technology problems, continue sending e-mail to the helpdesk (helpdesk-stark@kent.edu). For concerns with facilities (which may overlap), contact either Assistant Dean Kasturiarachi or Brian Gardner.

Special Faculty Council Meeting

You should get a notice about this next week. Dean Seachrist will be unable to make next week’s Faculty Council meeting. Since she was not able to make today’s meeting and we cannot change the time for Council, I am call a special meeting with the Dean’s report as the only agenda item.