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From the Desk of the Advisor

Carol Solko-Olliff

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!!

I hope everyone had a great break and you are rested and ready to start the spring semester. A **special welcome** to all new students, we are glad you are here at FHSU! The staff in the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of International Student Services (Sheridan Hall 208) is available to assist you. If you have questions or need help, please know you are always welcome to stop by! We want you all to have a successful semester and experience. You may speak with either me, Karen McCullough or Marnie Kohl.

PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY EMAILS, MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS and FACEBOOK. The weekly email and monthly newsletter are an important way we try to keep in touch with you, but more importantly to share valuable information with you that may help you avoid making a costly mistake.

- Each Monday you will receive an email that contains information about weekly events, deadlines and important information. This email will be sent out by Marnie.
- At the beginning of each month you will receive a newsletter that will also come to you by email. You can always access it at the international website: www.fhsu.edu/international/newsletter

Please pay attention to these emails as they contain important information. Students who come to our office with questions most times would already know the answer, if they had only read their newsletter or the weekly email. Of course if you need further clarification we certainly want you to ask. Relying on your friends advice is sometimes not the best option as each student's situation is unique to them. You can also find out important information and reminders by checking out the International Facebook page.

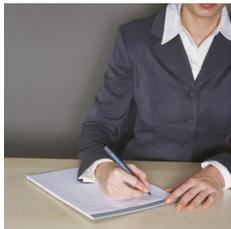
Just a reminder that Immigration law requires all international students to enroll and remain in a full course load which constitutes 12 credit hours for undergraduate and 9 hours for graduate students. It is also important to note, that only one virtual class can count toward full time enrollment AND if it is your last semester and you plan to apply for OPT, you cannot be a virtual only class. If you or your advisor has questions about this, please contact our office. Also, if it becomes necessary to withdraw from a course, which will put you below full time status, you must see me or Karen. Checking before you drop a course will alleviate problems for you and your immigration status.

Also, remember that while school is in session, you are only allowed to work 20 hours per week on campus. Please do not let work interfere with your academic course work. We will again monitor the number of hours students work during the spring semester.

Please get involved on campus and in the International Student Union. If you like sports, the Intramural Department has lots of activities you can become involved in. If you like music and theatre, checkout the Encore Series and Music Department as there is a great performing arts calendar, which is very affordable for students. The monthly newsletter tries to highlight activities both on campus and in the Hays community as well as Marnie's weekly emails. These activities are a great way to take a break from your studies and relieve some stress!

Have a great semester and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or make an appointment to see me.

Writing Assistance Center



Remember that the Writing Center is an excellent place to write or to go for feedback on any kind of writing. Located on the main floor of Forsyth Library, it features a computer lab and trained writing consultants. Drop by or call ahead for an appointment (628-4106), preferably well before the due date of your paper. The Writing Center will be open the following times: 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm Monday through Wednesday evenings, and 9:00am-12:30pm Fridays. It is FREE!!

Graduate Student Rotary Scholarship

Rotary District 5670 is once again providing an opportunity for graduate students to apply for a scholarship for the next 2014-2015 academic year. I would encourage **all** graduate students who have at least one full year starting fall 2014 of academic courses to look into this

opportunity. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, or would like additional information, you can access the application at the following website: <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/Scholarships/rotary>

DEADLINE for applications is Wednesday, March 19. An interview is required, and will be held on a Saturday, April 5th. Additional details will be provided once completed applications have been reviewed and students have been selected for interviews.

Scholarship Information

Do you have at least one more academic year at FHSU to complete your degree? If the answer is yes, you might want to think about applying for scholarships for the next academic year 2014-2015. A variety of scholarships are offered at FHSU. Visit the website and submit applications online at <https://secure.fhsu.edu/scholarship>. You would need to create your account first and then start to apply for the scholarships that you may be qualified to. **The final deadline for applying for the scholarships is February 15, 2014.**



Tax Information: W-2 & 1042-S Forms

1. Tax return workshops will be held in March to help students with completing an income tax return. We are currently working on a schedule for the workshops. The location, times, and dates will be sent to you in an email. Please be watching for this information.
2. You may be receiving a W2 form from your employer, a 1042-S if you received a scholarship, and/or a statement of your interest income from your bank. Not everyone will have all of these forms. **Please keep them and do not throw them away.**
3. If you worked in 2013 and did not receive a W2 form or you received a scholarship in 2013 but did not receive a 1042-S, you will need to check with Marnie in the International Office in Sheridan Hall 208 to see if she has a form for you.
4. If you worked for Chartwells in 2013 and did not receive a W2, please visit with the Chartwells office in McMIndes Hall. The International Office does not receive W2's for students who worked for Chartwells.
5. If you would like help completing your income tax return, you must attend one of the workshops. We will not be able to help students individually in the office.

Please check your weekly emails for announcements on the date, time, and location for the upcoming tax workshops.

Address Updates and Student Status

All International Students should inform the International Student Office (Sheridan Hall Room 208) of any address or phone number changes. It is very important that we have your current information at all times.

The U.S.C.I.S. (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services), requires us to maintain student records in SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System). This program requires all schools that issue I-20's and DS-2019's, to report all international students enrolled at their school, the number of credit hours, current address, phone number and if the student is in status with immigration. For this reason **it is very important for you to remain in status and always have your current address and phone number on file with the International Student Services Office.** If you have had an address change, please let our office know as soon as possible.

Also, please be advised that while you may be allowed to enroll in “less than fulltime” schedule with approval of the International Office in your last semester, this is an exception that is strictly monitored and reviewed by Immigration. You are not allowed to have numerous “less than fulltime” semesters; this is typically a one time semester allowance to be used truly during your last semester. Be sure when you request a “less than fulltime” enrollment exception, that it is truly your last semester and you can provide verification of this from your academic advisor.

International Emergency Telephone Number

The International Student Services Office has a cell phone that can be called after normal office hours or on the weekend for emergency purposes. We would ask that if you

have questions that can be answered during normal office hours that you call the office number at 785-628-4276. If an emergency situation such as sickness, problem or

an accident happens outside of office hours, please use the cell phone number 785-259-0005 and someone from the ISS will try to assist you.

Graduate School Deadlines

Here are some deadlines that the Graduate School would like you to know about:

- Intent to Graduate form must be filed by February 3 if you plan to graduate this spring.
- Comprehensive Exam deadline to sign up is March 3.
- Comprehensive Exam results are to be turned in by April 28.
- Thesis/Field Study final copy is due May 5.

Please contact the Graduate School at 628-4236 if you have any questions regarding deadlines or you can visit the following website for deadline information

<http://www.fhsu.edu/academic/gradschl/deadlines/>

International Student Union (ISU) Membership

All new international students and returning students that have not signed up yet are welcome to be a part of the International Student Union (ISU). ISU hosts events and activities and provides the main basis for international students to meet other international students as well as American students. Activities for the spring semester are International Spices, planned trips to various places of interest (reduced cost for paid members), and other activities. As a paid member of ISU, you will have the above benefits. We encourage you to be a member of ISU and get involved in these activities. It will help you get adjusted to an environment different from your own country more quickly. The cost for one semester is \$4. Come to the International Office in Sheridan Hall 208 to sign up.



Speakers Bureau

Area elementary and high schools are interested each semester in having international students come to their school and talk about their country, culture and experiences. If you receive a call or email from Marnie or Sergey asking you to be a speaker, please accept the invitation. Speaking to these groups is very easy, so don't be nervous. Students always have lots of questions, so most times a rehearsed speech is not necessary. This is a great way to "educate" Americans about other parts of our world.

Tiger Transport



A FREE Van transportation service taking students throughout Hays each Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday. The times Tiger Transport runs is 2:00– 7:00 pm on Wednesday & Friday, and Saturday 2:00—9:00pm. Tiger Transport will pick up students on campus in the Wiest Hall parking lot. Stops include: The Mall and Wal-Mart. Pick ups are at the beginning of every half hour and the route is repeated every half hour. For more information about Tiger Transport, please visit the website, <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/Tiger-Transport/>

Smoking Policy

Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in all Fort Hays State University buildings and facilities. Smoking is only permitted in designated parking lots on the FHSU campus. A map showing the parking lots that have been designated as smoking areas is on page 5. Places where

smoking is allowed are **shaded in grey**. Smoking is prohibited in all other areas on FHSU's campus that are not clearly marked as a designated smoking area.

You cannot smoke outside of the library or any building on campus. You can smoke in the parking lots behind the

Memorial Union, parking lot behind McMindes Hall, parking lot behind and to the west of Wiest Hall. Please review map for all areas OK to smoke in. If you get caught smoking in a prohibited area by FHSU campus police, they will issue you a ticket and you will have to pay a fine.

International Graduate—Serhiy Zhykin

First, I would like to say how delighted I am to welcome all of our new students to Fort Hays State University. You are now part of an internationally rich and diverse student body of approximately 426 international students representing more than 34 different countries. We are so pleased that you are here, and I am personally looking forward to getting to know you better in the months ahead; I wish you much success as you fulfill your academic goals.

I also want to welcome back all of our returning international students! I am very excited about this upcoming spring semester. We have a lot of fun events and trips planned for all of you this semester. Please check your FHSU email on daily basis, I will send out weekly updates with important information regarding all of the events and activities. I will also post the same information on Facebook, so please like our Facebook page at facebook.com/FHSUISS. I cannot emphasize how important it is to check your university email and our FHSU International Student Services Facebook page so you do not miss out on any of the trips and activities.

As we get ready to kick off the 2014 spring semester, we would like to welcome all of our international students to come out and have some pizza and enjoy lots of fun games. Please come to Chuck's Place in Wiest Hall, Friday, January 24th, 5pm. You are more than welcome to contact me via email at internationalgrad@fhsu.edu, if you have any questions. Best wishes, welcome back to Fort Hays State University!

Serhiy Zhykin
Graduate Assistant
International Student Services (ISS)

T.I.G.E.R.S. Series Workshop Schedule

Wednesday Nights at 5:00 p.m.
Memorial Union - Stouffer Lounge—FREE!

February 5, 2014
Gen Eds: Snoring or Soaring?
Discover Why a Liberal Arts Education Really Does Put You Ahead of the Game

February 19, 2014
Tame Your Temper
Uncover the Truth About Anger and Learn Ways to Keep it Under Control

March 12, 2014
What Might Happen If.....?
Take a No-Risk Chance to Ask Questions to a Legal and Law Enforcement Panel

March 26, 2014
Status: It's Complicated
Find Out How to Balance College Life with Dating and Other Relationships

April 2, 2014
What's Involved? Will It Hurt?
Explore the Facts About Getting Tested for Sexually Transmitted Infections

April 16, 2014
Don't Fall Into a Final Spiral
Learn Effective Strategies to Help You Prepare for Final Exams

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Jan 19	20	21	22 FHSU wrestling 6pm Gross Memorial Coli- seum	23 FHSU Women's & Men's Basket- ball @ 5:30pm & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum	24 ISU Welcome Back Party @ 5pm in Chuck's Place, Wiest Hall UAB: After Dark—Pitch Perfect @ 9pm, Memorial Union	25 FHSU wrestling 9am Gross Me- morial Coliseum Day of Service 1-7pm Memorial Union
26	27 MLK Jr Day Celebration 7pm, Black & Gold room, Memorial Un- ion	28	29 Diversi-Tea 1:30-3:30 Sunset Lounge	30 FHSU Women's & Men's Basket- ball @ 5:30pm & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum	31	Feb. 1 FHSU Women's & Men's Basket- ball @ 2pm & 4pm; Gross Memorial Colise- um Celebration of Diversity @ 7p in Beach/Schmidt PAC
2 FHSU wrestling 2pm Gross Me- morial Coliseum	3	4	5 Tigers Series Workshop @ 5pm in Stouffer Lounge	6 FHSU wrestling 7pm Gross Memorial Coli- seum	7 UAB: After Dark—Candy Crush Saga @ 9pm, Memorial Union	8
9	10	11	12 UAB Presents Lauren Potter @ 7:30pm, Ballroom, Me- morial Union	13 Diversity Affairs Presents: The Butler @ 5pm, Cody Commons	14	15 FHSU Women's & Men's Basket- ball @ 2pm & 4pm; Gross Memorial Colise- um
16 FHSU wrestling 10am Gross Memorial Colise- um ENCORE: The Addams Family 7:30pm Beach/Schmidt	17	18	19 Diversi-Tea 1:30-3:30 Sunset Lounge Tigers Series Workshop @ 5pm in Stouffer Lounge	20	21	22 FHSU Women's & Men's Basket- ball @ 2pm & 4pm; Gross Memorial Colise- um
23 Gospel Extrava- ganza @ 6pm Beach/Schmidt PAC	24	25 ENCORE: Jaimee Paul, In At Last 7:30pm Beach/Schmidt PAC	26 FHSU Wom- en's & Men's Basketball @ 5:30pm & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coli- seum	27 UAB Presents Chris Jones- Hypnotist @ 7:30pm Beach/ Schmidt PAC	28 FHSU Wom- en's & Men's Basketball @ 5:30pm & 7:30pm; Gross Memorial Coliseum	