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## Dean of Studies Updates:

**Independent Study Network** — An Independent Study Network meeting took place on October 25th. Bryan Goodwin covered research and support, with a focus on the range of resources students can access as they continue to develop their projects. Jennifer Jacoby and Al Werner joined me in facilitating conversation about sustaining momentum in research and writing. November is a good month for students to address with their thesis advisors any new directions their projects are taking.

**Advising and Registration** — Please note: Advising period is listed as October 31—November 4, but can extend into the following week depending on advisee class year. **Here is the schedule of registration start dates:**

- **Seniors:** November 7
- **Juniors:** November 8
- **Sophomores:** November 10
- **First-years:** November 11
Restrictions on End-of-the-Semesters Assignments and Exams

Faculty legislation prohibits:

- Giving “in-course examinations” during the last week of classes (laboratory practicals and make-up examinations for students who had been ill may be scheduled during this period).
- Scheduling the due dates of “examinations, additional readings, projects, or papers” during reading days, December 14—7 PM on December 16.
- Requiring students to hand in a “substantial final paper” in lieu of a final examination earlier than the start of the examination period, December 16 at 7 PM. A quiz worth no more than 15% of the final grade that is part of a regular sequence of testing should not be considered an “in-course examination” and may be given during the last week of classes.

National Fellowship News

Have you been asked to write a recommendation letter for a national fellowship? See these recommendation letter guidelines for helpful suggestions, or contact Ryan Lewis at rlewis@mtholyoke.edu.

Fellowships with November application deadlines:

- St. Andrew’s Scholarship - funds one year of postgraduate study in any field anywhere in Scotland (US seniors with Scottish ancestry)
- Carnegie Junior Fellows Award - one-year paid internship assisting a senior research fellow at Carnegie Endowment in DC (US or Int’l students)
- Goldwater Scholarship - $7,500 toward undergraduate expenses for exceptional STEM students interested in careers dedicated to research (US sophomores & juniors).

First Year Experience Update

The Community Advisors (CAs) living in MacGregor, along with Kim Parent, Geoff Sumi, and Nancy Holden-Avard, held a workshop for first-year students focused on communicating with faculty. The workshop was well-attended and the students had great questions. If you have an idea for a workshop for first-year students focused on the transition to college, please let Kim Parent know (kparent@mtholyoke.edu).

Career Development Workshops

Please see the following link for November Center for Career Development Workshops and Events.

Academic Advising and Deadline for Electing Ungraded Option

Take advantage of the November advising period to ask your advisees to assess the progress they are making in their academic work and about the connections they are drawing between their academic work, summer experiences, and potential career paths. If you don’t have enough time to have that kind of conversation, do invite them back for another meeting, preferably before Thanksgiving.

Based on mid-semester reports they have received, some students may seek your advice as they decide whether to withdraw from a course or elect the ungraded option. The deadline for making this decision is Thursday, November 17 (with a “W” notation). The ungraded option can only be elected in a single course in a given semester and cannot be used in a course that will fulfill a distribution or other College course requirement, a requirement in a minor, or a requirement in a major, once the major has been declared.

Study Abroad

Fall advising period is a good time to talk with first-year students and sophomores about planning for study abroad. Students who are encouraged by advisors are much more likely to study abroad. See Advising Students on Learning Abroad, for an overview of MHC opportunities. NOTE: Friday, December 2 is the Application Deadline for most MHC programs and exchanges, and for all Laurel Fellowships (need-based financial aid) for study abroad in fall 2017 or year 2017—18.

International Internships

International internships have been a co-curricular complement to a MHC education since 1950, and in recent years approximately 1/3 of students funded under Lynk/UAF annually pursue an international internship or research project. As you advise students, please recall that the McCulloch Center stands ready to help ensure that summer experiences abroad integrate strongly with students’ curricula. Faculty and students can contact Kirk Lange (klange@mtholyoke.edu) to consult on MHC’s international internship opportunities and prepare for the Lynk-UAF application process.