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New CSI training required

A new federal mandate requires risk management education for organizations

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The Center for Student Involvement is implementing new risk management training for student groups in accordance with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights mandate issued last spring.

The federal mandate required all campus organizations to participate in risk management education. During summer 2012, the CSI evaluated options of risk management education for all risk management chairs and campus organizations and submitted a plan to the Office of Civil Rights, CSI Director Laura Bates said.

The University's plan for new risk management training was approved by the Office during December, which allowed CSI to begin risk management training, she said. Bates said the training sessions will take place during March and April.

Bates said the training would provide students in organizations an opportunity to learn about the different types of risk and management techniques. The CSI will train students and provide them with awareness of the local resources for risk management, such as counseling services, she said.

During 2010, the CSI revised the organization chartering process when students suggested student organizations should have risk management contacts, Bates said.

"In a way, we were kind of ahead of the curve getting that underway," Bates said. "Students doing the research at the time were really big pushers of that change."

Some student organizations already had risk management programs, but not all had undergone risk management training, Bates said. She said the training given by the CSI will aim to provide information for all campus organizations regardless of national or local recognition.

"We want students to think how their events or their action as a group can be safer in a broad yet very specific way," Bates said. "[Risk management training] is a good way to get people to really think about what you're doing."

Matt Kennedy, CSI Program Advisor for Service and Leadership, said there are five main categories of risk that most groups encounter, including physical, Please see RISK, Page 7

Searching for solutions



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University President Troy Paino addresses the Truman community at the State of the University address Monday in the Student Union Building. Paino discussed funding formulas and other budget issues.

University President Troy Paino updates Truman State about the University's future

University President Troy Paino updated the Truman State community about funding formula negotiations, evaluation criteria and the goals for the future of the University during the State of the University address Monday in the Student Union Building.

As the Missouri State legislature continues to discuss the funding formula, Paino said he is lobbying for Truman and for a formula that emphasizes measurements based on the quality of education students receive. Paino took this opportunity to share his idea about incorporating the Degree Qualifications Profile, a benchmark for learning outcomes, into the way Truman evaluates the quality of the education students receive.

THE BUDGET

Paino said there currently are two proposed plans for higher education funding being discussed at the state Capitol — the Governor's plan and the State House's plan.

Paino presented what each plan would mean for Truman's funding. If the Governor's plan is accepted, Truman would receive an increase of 3.44 percent of state

appropriations, and if the legislature's plan is accepted, Paino said Truman would receive an additional 2 percent increase, or about \$800,000 worth of additional state appropriations. This is about \$50,000 less than what the University would receive with the Governor's plan, which amounts to about \$1,319,000. Paino said that negotiations are ongoing and the deadline to submit legislation in the Senate has not passed, but he is hopeful that the final legislation will reflect higher education spending closer to the Governor's plan than the House's plan.

Paino said there is a difference between the two figures because the Governor's plan assumes that the state will undergo Nixon's proposed Medicaid expansion, while the legislator's proposal does not.

"Either way, there is cutting still to be done," Paino said, in order for the University to give raises.

The University will continue to make every effort to find savings and additional revenue, he said.

The average increase for state appropriation for state institutions of higher Please see PAINO, Page 7

THE IDEA: DEGREE QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Paino discussed his idea to use the Degree Qualifications Profile to reintroduce quality into the way Truman is evaluated during the last part of his speech.

The DQP was released by the Lumina Foundation during 2011, a private foundation established during 2000 dedicated to "enrolling and graduating more students from college," according to the Lumina Foundation website. The DQP is a degree profile that serves as a qualification framework, or a tool to express what skills students should possess and what students should know to demonstrate that they have earned their degree, according to Lumina's information about the DQP.

These criteria are broken into five areas, including applied learning, specialized knowledge, intellectual skills, civic learning and broad, integrative knowledge, according to the website, and it offers qualifications Please see IDEA, Page 7



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Mail trucks like these will not be used to deliver mail on Saturdays beginning next August in accordance with the U.S. Postal Service. Campus Mail Services will continue to deliver packages, but not mail, on Saturdays beginning next year.

Saturday mail delivery ends

BY DAN MIKA
Staff Reporter

Campus Mail Services will stop delivering mail to residence halls during Saturdays beginning next year in accordance with the U.S. Postal Service.

Valerie Welsch, a Postal Service Media Specialist, said the U.S. Postal Service announced they would stop delivering mail to street addresses effective this August to reduce operating costs. However,

packages will still be shipped during Saturdays, and letters and packages will continue to be delivered to P.O. boxes, Welsch said.

Missouri Hall Director Zac Burden said the U.S. Postal Service decided to stop delivering mail during Saturdays due to budget constraints, but the Post Office will continue to deliver packages.

The Kirksville branch of the Post Office has not yet decided whether they Please see MAIL, Page 7

Student Senate creates new award for departments

Nominations are being accepted for the new Department of the Year award

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Student Senate is sponsoring a new award to honor academic departments.

Nominations are being accepted for the Department of the Year award for the first time this spring.

"The number of nominations we get will determine if we do this award again," said David Lanza, Student Senate Academic Affairs Chair.

Although no set award criteria had been discussed, Lanza said Student Senate is excited about how many nominations had been entered so far after nomination forms were sent to students last week.

The criteria for consideration for the award includes how the department prepares its students for graduate school and careers, the quality of the faculty in the department, and how the department compares to programs of other universities, Lanza said.

Sophomore Ryan Gordon, Vice President of Student Senate, said the student govern-

ment was looking for new ways to show appreciation to the faculty and staff. While the Educator of the Year award has been around since the 1990s, it only recognizes one professor and Gordon said Senate thought that it was necessary to recognize a whole team of professors working together for a common goal.

"We wanted to recognize the department that represents the values that students respect at the University and recognizes the Universities' liberal arts mission," Gordon said.

Student Senate hopes the Department of the Year award will cause departments to strive to receive this honor, Gordon said.

"We're really blessed here to have an incredible faculty that goes above and beyond to meet the needs of the students," junior Student Senate President Aaron Malin said.

The Department of the Year award will be a new addition to the Accolades of Academics Banquet where the Research Mentor and Educator of the Year awards also are presented. The nominations tentatively will be categorized first into semi-finalist and then ultimately finalist, with a banquet to honor the winning department.

Nominations for the Department of the Year award are available online and close Feb. 22.