

Update to faculty and staff 07-08-2020

Good morning,

I hope you are doing well. Welcome to all staff who have been working remotely and are making the transition to working on campus again. We're happy to have you with us!

Please note several updates listed below and let your supervisor or cabinet member know if you have questions or concerns.

Human Resources Hours

Human Resources Director Sarah Gasvic, who has been working remotely during the pandemic, will now have on-campus office hours Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. She is available by email at sarah.gasevic@mayvillestate.edu or phone at 701-788-4647 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

ACT/SAT Score Requirement Temporarily Waived

At their meeting on June 30, the State Board of Higher Education addressed what could be seen as limitations to access higher education in favor of helping students more readily access higher education. In an effort to ease acceptance into the higher education system, the Board has authorized institutions to *temporarily* waive the requirement of standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) that are normally submitted as part of the application process for admission to North Dakota's eleven colleges and universities. The temporary waiver will be in place through the summer of 2022 as that is the last of the three terms that comprise the 2021-2022 academic year.

Bookstore Offering Online Purchasing for All Students This Fall

The MSU Bookstore will be offering online ordering for not only distance students, but also those studying on campus this fall. Online ordering for all students will begin Aug. 5. Orders for distance students will be shipped. On-campus students may pick up their orders beginning Aug. 17. Students will be able to use their financial aid with the online purchases, just as they do when making face-to-face purchases. The bookstore will be using the Fishbowl from July 20 until Sept. 4 to prepare the orders and also store them until they are picked up.

Employee Positive for COVID-19

A Mayville State employee has a confirmed case of COVID-19. The employee is quarantined at home. We are taking the appropriate steps to ensure the health and safety of all and are working together with MSU's COVID-19 liaison Brittany Ness as well as public health officials who are conducting contact tracing.

Sincerely,

Brian Van Horn, President
Mayville State University