



September 16, 2010, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. *InfoShock News Express is a news bulletin of activities happening in the University Libraries brought to you by the members of the Libraries Operations Council. And now for the announcements—*

Insurance Open Enrollment Session

The annual open enrollment for insurance begins October 1 and continues through the month of October. An informational session with Human Resources has been scheduled for **Friday, October 8 at 2:00 PM in room 217**. If you have questions regarding your health insurance, this is a great opportunity to get them answered.

Constitution Day Display

Check out the current display in the display case. It has various material to support Constitution Day on Friday, September 17. Eye catching books were selected to highlight this important document. The display will be up for a limited time. Thanks to Connie Basquez, Marlene Hogle, Nancy Deyoe and Nan Myers for their work on this display.

Shredding Service

With the overwhelming response to the shredding service, we will continue with the service. The shredding container will be kept in Technical Services. Thanks to Technical Services for letting us store the container in their area.

Free Tickets to Selected Shocker Games Sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Athletic Director

Note from Provost Miller:

“Athletic Director Eric Sexton and I would like to provide you and the faculty and staff in your college opportunities to attend Shocker volleyball and women’s basketball games this fall and softball and some baseball games in the spring. This fall, we have arranged for your college or unit to join us for one volleyball game and two women’s basketball games (see schedule below). For each game, every member of your faculty and staff (classified and unclassified) will be provided a ticket to the game, free of charge. In addition, each faculty or staff member will be provided tickets for each member of their family or others, up to five tickets per family. We will also host a reception before each game for all those attending.

We are still working on the schedule for the baseball and softball games in the spring. Our plan at present is to host an all division event in the outfield of one of the baseball games and to provide faculty and staff the opportunity to attend at least one softball game.

The Department of Athletics would like to recognize each unit during their game and one or more faculty members who have made an impact in the lives of student athletes.”

Please see the attached memo for the schedule. This is a great opportunity to experience Shocker sports at a very low price – free. If you are interested in attending any of the sporting events, please contact Stephanie Sauls.

Expense and Travel Expense Reimbursement

As of October 1, 2010, expenses and travel expenses reimbursement checks will no longer be issued through the state. This is part of an overall paper reduction plan. If you will be claiming any expenses to be reimbursed through the state, you must complete and submit an "Authorization for Electronic Deposit of Vendor Payment" form. This form is NOT the same as the payroll direct deposit form. The correct form is attached to this email and on the library shared drive entitled, "Expense and Travel Expense Form."

Payroll Direct Deposit

In addition to the expense and travel expense reimbursement, direct deposit for payroll is mandatory for all employees. This is a different form than the form mentioned above and can be found at http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=humanresources&p=/News_Events_Archive/paycard/. If you are not already enrolled in payroll direct deposit, you should have received additional information directly from Human Resources. If you do not have a bank account for direct deposit, there is an alternative option available explained at the link above. If you have questions regarding this change, please contact Human Resources at x3065.

SOAR Upgrade and Enhancement in Development

SOAR is going through a major upgrade and enhancement of its open source system DSpace. On the test-server, the system has been upgraded from release 1.4.2 to 1.6.2. DSpace 1.6x includes many major new features. The new SOAR will have an XML Manakin user interface, which adds flexibility to the presentation of SOAR's different collections. The SOAR enhancements will include better image zooming, audio-visual streaming, and document streaming viewers. A new embargo feature will automatically manage restricted items, such as sequestered theses or copyrighted articles. The implementation of the embargo feature will open the door to works currently not in SOAR and will significantly speed up workflow. The updated SOAR will also have the ability to offer secure access to collections through the new Common Authentication Service. Another major improvement is enhanced statistics. Once in production, the plan calls for delivering use statistics of works to their authors on a regular basis. The SOAR submission process also will be simplified with the SWORD Easy Deposit feature. Plans call to release the new version of SOAR to the public in October. The project team is: Susan Matveyeva (coordinator), Andy Speagle (UCATS), Muhammad Usmani and Baseer Khan (Library Systems), and Sai Deng (Library Technical Services).