Varsity Blues

Been following the Varsity Blues admissions scandal at some of the country’s most prestigious institutions? One of the angles used by those now under indictment is claiming that a non-disabled student is disabled in order to secure special consideration for admission. While we’re sure our students aren’t engaging in similar flimflammetry, please consider this a reminder that we’re required by law to accommodate students with disabilities.

MTSU’s Disability and Access Center works with our students to recommend specific accommodations to faculty. These accommodations often include the following:

- extra time on assignments and tests
- use of audio recordings and laptop computers for electronic note taking
- use of sign language interpreter/CART
- note taker
- flexible attendance

If faculty think a recommended accommodation fundamentally alters the integrity of their course, they may consult Kevin States, Director of the DAC, who is happy to discuss.

Faculty should know that students who are denied an accommodation may appeal to our Office of Equity and Compliance and/or file a complaint with the feds.
Flash Drives

Please remember that storing student data, including grades, on flash drives is a no-no. We don’t even want to imagine the trouble we could all be in if the drives were lost or stolen. Please use a secure institutional system for recording grades and such.

Digital Measures Update

We have named college champions who will help with the rollout of Digital Measures in each college, but we’re looking for some early adopters, too. Who wants to get in on the ground floor? Please let me and/or Joey Gray (joey.gray@mtsu.edu), who is directing faculty training, know.

Stressed at Semester’s End?

Have a look at “4 Ideas for Avoiding Faculty Burnout”:
https://www.chronicle.com/article/4-Ideas-for-Avoiding-Faculty/243010

April Fool’s Video

In case you missed it, Matthew Weathers from Biola University does something like this every year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XplmIRSDwml&cid=db. Brilliant!