

TO: Faculty and Staff

FROM: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

RE: Weekly Recap

DATE: 23 June 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE – As we approach the start of school, there will be more and more pertinent information contained in the weekly report. I asked that all participants please read the report and contact a representative at NMMI if you have questions.

ATHLETICS:

Since last week, the NJCAA has released information pertaining to all fall sports. Please look at these dates:

1. All dorms are permitted to open to student athletes beginning July 18, 2020
2. For Football, Volleyball and Cross Country, practice can start August 1, 2020 and competition can start August 20, 2020.
3. For Baseball, Golf and Tennis, practice can start August 31, 2020 and competition will start September 5, 2020. All competition will conclude by October 31, 2020.
4. Fall championship sports will end their season prior to Thanksgiving with the exception of Football.
5. Spring 2021 sports will follow regular timelines and guidelines.

We do not have any additional information from the NMAA about high school sports.

We are still pursuing E-sports as a new venture for Junior College. The NJCAA is hosting a video conference this week about this sport, our AD will attend. We have researched the cost to set up a gaming suite, about \$60,000. We would set it up in a room in the Daniels Leadership Center. All indications are that by having an E-sports option at your school, it will attract 20 to 30 students. We are also pursuing Softball as our next sport. We would like to start as a high school club sport in spring of 21 and progress to a team sport the year after. We can declare with the NJCAA anytime. For both high school and junior college, we have to provide facilities, locker rooms, practice and playing fields, equal to boy's baseball.

ACADEMICS:

Plans for the new semester continue. Monitoring enrollment by division and grade to determine class scheduling and section requirements. Fully expect some Cadets to be "online" students due to travel restrictions, number is unknown but planning for 25 to 40. Planning for HLC Accreditation visit in September on track. Plan to implement an online Associates degree for the 21/22 school year is progressing. Next step is to ask for Board approval at the July 9, Board meeting. Development of a defined "Pathway" for Dual Graduation is progressing. This will create a marketing product for Admission to use in both domestic and international recruiting.

FINANCE:

The collection of our receivables has stalled at \$75,000. This has put a difficult burden on all involved. We have not received 64 of the laptops, so transcripts and diplomas are being held there. Cadets with Accounts Receivable balances are having their transcripts and diplomas held until the balances are taken care of. There are some accounts that are due refunds but they have not returned their laptops. We need everyone to get involved and help all of us get off this merry-go-round.

Preparation for year-end audit has begun. The audit will be conducted in a virtual environment. Our auditor's will establish a portal for us to upload our information, we will upload the requested information and then schedule Zoom conferences for discussion.

COMMANDANT:

The Commandant and Staff have a draft syllabus for the Leadership Certificate ready for review by the Dean. They are preparing for TLA in-service training prior to the start of the semester.

Reminder – Parents and all visitors during matriculation need to bring their own masks. Without a mask you will not be allowed to accompany your Cadet during Matriculation.

Reminder – High School matriculation will be on two days, Thursday and Friday, August 6th and 7th. Cadets with last names that begin with the letter A to M, will matriculate on Thursday at a time to be assigned. Cadets with a last name beginning with N to Z will matriculate on Friday at a time to be assigned. Please do not show up at any other time than you designated time.

CHIEF OF STAFF:

IT reports 64 laptops still not returned. 35 from International students, 26 from domestic students, two Non-ConUS and one local. These are from students that have not re-enrolled and have not returned their machines.

Financial Aid has processed 176 CARES reimbursements. 31 Students have declined any reimbursement. Once all students have responded, the remaining funds will be distributed to those who have received funding. The money can only go to students, so all of the money will be distributed to students.

We are proceeding with our Art in Public Places project. The project has narrowed the artists down to six. They will make their individual presentations to the committee on September 16th. The intent is to replace the Reaching for the Stars statute with a new statue depicting the modern soldier in a tribute to the Global War on Terrorism. The new statute would be a male and female modern soldier.

We will be posting new schematics for parking, for employees and visitors. The new parking and fencing is designed to channel employees and visitors to screening stations and to restrict any traffic from just "wandering" on to the campus.

We are starting the publicity campaign for the 2020 General Obligation Bond program. We are on the list for \$3.0 million for Phase Two of the Latrine (Sinks) renovation.

Construction:

1. Cahoon – All demolition is 99% complete. Basement plumbing is 90% complete. Over 125 yards of concrete now has been poured in the basement.

2. Obstacle Course – Initial bids for continued renovation of the obstacle were \$43,000 over budget. We will work with the contractor's to see if bid can be adjusted.
3. Latrines – Still waiting on final drawings before going out for contractor bid.
4. JRT – Bowling alley was demolished yesterday. New equipment is on order. Barber shop being moved up to the NE entrance of JRT, will be ready by matriculation.
5. Energy Performance Contract – Work continues all over Post with lighting changes, fixtures, controls, bulbs, etc.

ALUMNI:

No change from last week. All dates are still working and being planned.

ADMISSION:

Numbers continue to look strong despite the challenging circumstances. Reenrollment is now at 428, 74% of those eligible. We still have 356 applications pending that are being work for Admission. Still have the entire month of July to work pending and new packets. Expecting a low of 800, high of 850.

We will be hosting a You Tube Live event on July 9, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Mountain. The event will be targeted to our new Cadets and Parents. All will be invited to attend but the information that is delivered will be directed at preparing our new Cadets and Parents for Matriculation. We will host a final You Tube Live event the last week of July for all constituents.

SUPERINTENDENT:

I personally type this report each week. I then send it to all of the Staff for review and corrections. Once it is ready for distribution it is sent to our Board of Regents, our Staff and Faculty and our Parents and Alumni. As I type this week's report, we are less than 30 days away from our first Cadets arriving. Our SROTC, ECP Cadets will arrive July 20th. That will start a cascade of arrivals.

There are things that every recipient of this report can do to help. If you can influence any of the following we would greatly appreciate your effort:

1. Accounts receivable – this needs to be reconciled and cleared up so we can get our property returned and Cadets can have transcripts, diplomas and refunds released. Your help would be appreciated.
2. Matriculation – Please remember and be prepared to comply with our restriction of only two Parents or Guardians accompanying the Cadet during the Matriculation process.
3. Matriculation – Please be prepared to be screened, temperature, oxygen and pulse, before you can accompany your Cadet onto the Post.
4. Recruit and Retain – We are all recruiters and retainers for NMMI. Encourage a family or a student to consider NMMI. Encourage all old Cadets to return. There is no better education available than that offered at NMMI.

Once again I thank everyone for their support and understanding during these truly unique and different time.

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