Get an Education not Just a Degree! As we enter another academic year once again we hear about stagnant economic growth and threats of another recession. We also hear about hopes of an economic recovery. While it is good to be hopeful, hope won’t get you a degree, a job, a career. Take advantage of a new year and think about what it takes to get an education. For an education will get you a degree, a job, a career. Rather than lecture today as to what it means to get an education I will leave you with my favorite quote… “Well done is better than well said.” - Benjamin Franklin

Welcome Back BBQ- The annual welcome back BBQ will be held next Wednesday August 29th at 5:30pm in Kemper 116. All majors are encouraged to attend.

FM Student Group Facility Management Students interested in an IFMA Student Group are invited to an informational meeting August 29th at 4pm.

Bearfest Village Only three weeks until the first home football game and we all know what that means… TAILGATING! For the first time in years we have a night game. Setup will be at 8am, brunch will be about 10AM, lunch will be when we get around to it mid-afternoon, and Bearfest Village will officially open at 3pm. If you haven’t figured this out, tailgating is one of the highlights of a few faculty and student’s lives… why not join us? Go Bears!

PMI Speaker Nationally renowned speaker Anthony Reed will be our guest on Sept. 7th in Kemper Hall 205. C-Prime and the local PMI Chapter are bringing Anthony to Springfield for a Saturday event. You can hear him for free Friday night presenting “Running to Leadership”. Learn more about this dynamic speaker at http://www.reed-pa.com/default.html

ASC Competition Team Selection The ASC Competition is two months away. If you are interested in being on a team the information and selection meeting will be held after the Welcome Back BBQ next Wednesday at 7PM in Kemper 102.

PMI Accreditation As of August 1st our Masters in Project Management is accredited by the Project Management Institute (PMI). We are just the 20th program in the U.S. to receive accreditation! See: http://news.missouristate.edu/2012/08/22/pmi/ for a full press release. This is a significant event for the department and once again demonstrates the quality of our academic programs.

IFMA E-Poster Competition Last year for the first time we competed in the annual E-Poster Competition and won. Who will defend the title? If you are a facility management major and interested in competing in the E-Poster competition and a mostly free trip to IFMA’s World Workplace at the end of October contact Dr. Strong at shawnstrong@missouristate.edu.

IFMA Accreditation Over the summer the department submitted its application for International Facility Management Association accreditation (IFMA) for the facility management degree. A team from IFMA will be on campus Sept. 11-13 to evaluate the program. Should we be successful we would join only a handful of accredited programs in the U.S.

Construction Club The first construction club meeting will be held September 5th at 6pm in Kemper 102.

Internship Information Meeting The annual internships debrief will be held September 19th at 6pm in Kemper. Learn about student’s internship experiences and what various companies expect from their interns.

Statics and Computational Calculus Tutoring! Every Wednesday from 4-6pm in the Kemper 107 mezzanine.

Information Sessions JE Dunn- September 26th, Whiting Turner- October 9th. Both companies will be interviewing. See the Career Center website for more information.

Construction Management Curricular Changes As a reminder, effective Fall 2012 the construction degree now has concentrations in: 1. General Construction, 2. Mechanical and Electrical Systems Construction, 3. Facility Planning and Design, 4. Healthcare Construction, 5. Property Development and Construction. A graduate who can meet a specific need such as an advanced knowledge of mechanical systems or BIM will be different and in demand.

Construction and the Built Environment Career Night October 17th and 18th. Career night will be the evening before fall break and interviews the first day of fall break. Your updated resume should be submitted to the Career Center by September 11th for inclusion in the resume book. All CM and FM majors need to attend.

Scholarships The National AGC Scholarship application is available at http://scholarship.agc.org/. We have been successful at receiving these in the past. You are encouraged to apply.

Summary… As you can see we are hitting the ground running. Welcome to the Department of Technology and Construction Management! http://build.missouristate.edu