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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE EXPANDS ARTS & HUMANITIES DIVISION

Marshall, Mo. (October 27, 2009) —Missouri Valley College announces the creation of three new academic divisions out of the former division of arts and humanities, effective spring semester 2010. Missouri Valley College will break up its arts and humanities division, the new divisions will be; languages and humanities, communications, and fine arts.

The change is the result of input from faculty, staff, and others involved with the evolving academic institution. The changes to the curriculum are welcomed by the faculty and their new division chairs.

James Crozier, assistant professor of classics and history has been named chair of the languages and humanities division. This division will encompass English, classics, religion and philosophy majors.

“As it was, the arts and humanities division was by far the largest division on campus, one of the problems that caused was the difficulty of administering such a large division,” Crozier said. “The split of the division will spread this work out, thus making it easier for the new chairs to balance their administrative and teaching duties.”

Diana Malan, associate professor of music and theatre will be chair of the fine arts division. The fine arts division will include; theatre, music, dance, and art majors.

“We are very excited about the recent approval to become the division of fine arts,” Malan said. “Our division felt that it was time to move forward, our student numbers have more than doubled in the last year and the diversity of our majors and programs have increased.”

Susan Dittmer, current chair of arts and humanities, will oversee the smooth transition of transforming one division into three and will become chair of the communications division that will include; mass communication, public relations, humanics and speech majors.

“This is a long awaited and excellent move,” Dittmer said. “This move allows each of the divisions to concentrate on and improve their division so that each division is able to function more effectively.”

In the changing academic environment, students expect customization, active and collaborative learning. The new structure will allow faculty members to give greater attention to their subject area; it will also allow the new divisions to draw more attention to their majors, programs, and opportunities.

“This is an exciting change for Valley as we consider the strength of our programs and where we will focus our resources in the future,” said Chief Academic Officer, Todd Mick. “In order to keep up with the changing academic environment we felt these changes were needed to give our students the personalized education we pride ourselves on.”

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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