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Valdosta State University MLIS Program Administrative Changes

On July 1, 2014, the Valdosta State University (VSU) Master of Library and Information Science Program became the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS). In addition to the name change, the department is now a part of the VSU Dewar College of Education and Human Services (CoEHS). This change is an administrative shift from the Dean of Odum Library. The DLIS department head will report to Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Services Brian Gerber. Departmental offices will remain on the fourth floor of Odum Library. All telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

The administrative shift resulted from the self-study the MLIS faculty has undertaken as part of its continuing accreditation from the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation. The CoEHS possesses program assessment and other evaluative resources not held by Odum Library. The Department of Library and Information Studies will draw upon those resources as it continues on-going accreditation work. These resources should provide a sounder basis for continuing growth of the department.

The degree program will not change nor will the degree name—Master of Library and

Information Science (MLIS). It is expected that students will not experience any changes in the curriculum. The application, advising, and teaching processes are to remain unchanged.

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Farewell to Dr. Koehler

After thirteen years of service to VSU, MLIS Program Director and Professor Wallace Koehler retired from Valdosta State University on July 31, 2014. He joined the VSU faculty in 2001, when he was one of three faculty members to welcome the first class of nine students into the MLIS Program. The MLIS faculty thanks Dr. Koehler for his distinguished service to the university, the department, and our students.

Those of you who wish to send a personal farewell message to Dr. Koehler may send e-mails or e-cards to his VSU address, wkoehler@valdosta.edu, or send postal mail to Dr. Wallace Koehler, Odum Library, Valdosta State University, Valdosta GA 31698. Contributions in Dr. Koehler's honor can be made to the VSU Foundation's MLIS account #10246

Upon Dr. Koehler's retirement, Dr. Linda Most will become the interim department head. The search for a permanent department head is planned to begin in fall 2014.