BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
MARCH 11, 2015
Jim Wohlpardt named UNI’s provost and executive vice president for academic affairs

- Jim is currently dean of Undergraduate Studies and professor of English at Florida Gulf Coast University
- He will assume his new duties at UNI on May 31
- He earned his Ph.D in English and B.A. in English and philosophy from the University of Tennessee; and an M.A. in English from Colorado State University
- Has an extensive background in academic leadership; has engaged and advanced student success and academic excellence at FGCU
UNI Highlights

Bradfords establish faculty chair in international business at UNI

• At the end of 2014, UNI received a generous donation from Robert and Margaret Bradford to establish a faculty chair position – the highest academic designation to bestow on a faculty member

• Holder will be devoted to enhancing the UNI College of Business Administration’s global presence

• The late Robert Bradford was managing partner of Bradford & Associates, and Margaret Bradford is a painter, musician and world traveler with a Ph.D. in archaeology
UNI Dance Marathon exceeds fundraising goal for fourth consecutive year

- The UNI Dance Marathon chapter raised $278,135.04, well above its $225,000 goal and a 63 percent increase from its 2014 total

- This year’s fundraising total ranks UNI Dance Marathon as the 17th-highest program in the U.S. out of nearly 300 programs

- Since 2012, the group has raised more than $611,000

- Money raised goes to the Children’s Miracle Network and the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital
UNI and Stanford form partnership to assess teacher effectiveness

• UNI’s Teacher Education program has partnered with the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity (SCALE)

• Partnership will develop and implement a multiple-measure assessment system for teacher education, focused on performance assessments

• SCALE has been working with UNI faculty to develop a range of performance assessments called Embedded Signature Assessments (ESAs)

• Currently, there are 30 UNI teacher education faculty piloting various ESAs in their courses
UNI Highlights

Honors for UNI men’s basketball team

• UNI men’s basketball team captured the 2015 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship with a 69-60 victory over Illinois State; now ranked No. 10 in the AP Top 25

• UNI ninth-year head coach Ben Jacobson is the MVC Coach of the Year for the third time in his tenure with the Panthers

• The 2015 MVC Larry Bird Player of the Year is UNI senior Seth Tuttle; also named the Most Outstanding Player of the MVC tournament

• The MVC “Sixth Man Award” recipient is UNI junior guard Wes Washpun

• UNI’s Nate Buss is the MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

• UNI’s Buss and Tuttle were named to the All-Tournament team and Max Martino was awarded the MVC’s Elite 18 Award following the tournament