Welcome Back and Welcome to Our New Faculty

Tuition and the 2011/12 Budget

The College of Charleston Board of Trustees met in Columbia on June 13 to review the proposed increase in tuition and fees for students in 2011/12 and, based on the proposed increase in tuition and fees, to approve the 2011/12 budget for the College. The original proposal called for a 3.9% ($376) increase of in-state undergraduate tuition and a 5% ($1,158) increase of out-of-state tuition which would have generated an estimated $4.9 million dollars in undergraduate tuition and fees.

Board of Trustees member Jeff Schilz questioned Steve Osborn, EVP for Business Affairs, whether there was a need for the College to raise tuition, particularly for in-state students. Schilz questioned whether the College can sustain increases to tuition as a way of generating revenue and whether there is a need to increase tuition. After a lengthy discussion, the Finance Committee voted 3-2 for Schilz’s motion that tuition for in-state students remain the same as last year and tuition for out-of-state students increase 5%. After the Finance Committee approved this motion the discussion opened to the full Board and ultimately passed by a vote of 10-6.

As a result of the change to tuition for 2011/12, Steve Osborn and his staff in Business Affairs had to rework the 2011/12 budget for the College. The revised budget, approved by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on June 30, reflects an overall decrease of $641,613 from the 2010/11 budget. Despite the overall decrease, and thanks to some difficult budget decisions, the College is operating on a balanced budget this year. Total State support for 2011/12 is estimated at $17,843,379 which is 8% of our total funding. As of August 1, 2011, there is no indication that we will suffer any mid-year budget cuts from the State.

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What does all of this mean for 2011/12? Funding priorities for this year had to shift based on reduced projected revenue. President Benson has already acknowledged that he will have to adjust some of the goals of the Strategic Plan for this year and there are unfilled staff and faculty lines across the campus which will not be able to be filled this year. The good news is that there are no plans to reduce the workforce at the College nor are there plans for furloughs. Likewise, at this time there are no plans for cuts to department operating budgets.

-Lynn Cherry, Speaker of the Faculty

Tenure & Promotion (continued from page 1)

By the end of the retreat there was consensus on several issues including methods for creating transparency by improving communication throughout the review process. Academic Affairs is going to begin working on these issues this fall in conjunction with the Faculty Welfare Committee and the Advisory Committee on Tenure and Promotion. As specific proposals are drafted and formed they will be shared with committees, the faculty senate and the faculty at large.

I talked with George Hynd prior to the retreat and he agreed – and made a point of emphasizing this at the retreat – that the discussions that took place at the retreat and the work that will be done this year will not have any bearing on this year’s applications for tenure, promotion or third-year review.

-Lynn Cherry, Speaker of the Faculty

Enrollment

Don Burkard reported to the Academic Council two weeks ago that the entering class of 2011 is slightly larger than had been projected. The College received more applications for 2011/12, including a larger number for out-of-state, than previous years and, although we did not increase the number admitted, we had a higher yield than in previous years which means we will have more students entering the College this fall. Based on the number of applications we received, both from entering freshman and transfer students, the College of Charleston is still a top choice for many students.

The increased enrollment is, as always, a double edged sword. While healthy enrollments help us financially, they also put a strain on resources including faculty and class sizes. There are still two final orientation sessions scheduled for August 15/16 and August 18/19, and there are limited seats available in many of the entry level and general education classes. Academic Affairs is supporting requests for additional adjunct professors to try to keep from increasing class sizes, especially in general education classes.

Both Don Burkard and George Hynd have told me that there are no plans to increase the number of students admitted in January; any increase in actual numbers will be the result of a higher number of students accepting admission and actually enrolling, not because of increased admission rates. Both have also expressed thanks to departments and faculty for working to meet the needs of our new students.

-Lynn Cherry, Speaker of the Faculty
Meet the New Faculty

Antonio J. Aiello
Hispanic Studies

Higher Pedagogical Institute “Jose Marti”, Cuba, B.A.
University of Camaguey, Cuba, M.A.
University of Arizona, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization:
19th to 21st centuries Spanish and Spanish American literature, particularly the postmodern narrative discourse in the Hispanic America and Caribbean, and Hispanic linguistics, specifically in the branch of variational sociolinguistic and Hispanic dialectology

Cecilia Brain
Hispanic Studies

University of Toronto, B.A. and M.A., University of Western Ontario, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization:
Colonial Latin, American literature and history, Spanish Golden Age, contemporary Latin American literature, pre-Columbian writing systems

Kevin Carduff
Accounting and Legal Studies

Case Western Reserve University, B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization:
Financial accounting, financial statement analysis, accounting history, research in accounting regulation

John Chadwick
Geology

James Madison University, B.S., Northern Arizona University, M.S., University of Florida, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Satellite remote sensing of geological and environmental features, high temperature geochemistry of lavas, regional volcanism and tectonics

Carl Wise
Hispanic Studies

Birmingham-Southern College, B.A., University of Georgia, M.A. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Golden Age Spanish literature and culture, seventeenth-century Spanish theater

Yiğit Akin
History

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, B.S.
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, M.A.
The Ohio State University, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: History of the modern Middle East, Islamic history, history of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey, war and society, World War I

Khalid Adem Ali (Adem/Adam)
Geology and Environmental Sciences

Addis Ababa University, B.Sc. and M.Sc., Kent State University, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Satellite remote sensing and GIS

Lisa Pinley Covert
History

California State University, Long Beach, B.A.
Yale University, M.A. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Modern Latin America, Mexico, U.S.-Latin American relations, political economy, gender, history, and memory

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Paul Collins
Theatre

University of Michigan, B.F.A.
Grand Valley State University, M.S.
University of Iowa, M.F.A.

Areas of Specialization: Lighting design, theatre pedagogy

Christa Poparad
Addlestone Library

Florida Institute of Technology, B.S., Simmons College, M.S.

Areas of Specialization: Library reference and instruction

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New Faculty

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International Studies
University of Ankara, Turkey, B.A. 
Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey, M.A. 
University of South Carolina, A.B.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Foreign policy analysis, terrorism, conflict and conflict resolution, the Middle East politics and Turkish-American relations

Jerry P. Galloway
Teacher Education
University of Houston, B.S. and Ed.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Instructional technology, conceptual development in educational computing

Piotr Gibas
Asian Studies
Warsaw University, B.A. and M.A.
University of California, Berkley, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Chinese language and literature, early China (archaeology, religion and thought) Southeast Asia, travel, cooking, and food

Daniel Delgado Diaz
Hispanic Studies
University of Valencia, Spain, B.A. 
University of Southern Mississippi, M.A.
Areas of Specialization: 
Teaching foreign languages, second language acquisition, sociolinguistics

Jo Ann Ewalt
Master of Public Administration Program, Political Science
Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA, B.A. 
University of Kentucky, M.P.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Public administration, public policy, policy implementation and evaluation (primarily social policy and education policy)

Angela Flenner
Addlestone Library
Presbyterian College, B.S. 
Clemson University / College of Charleston, M.A. 
University of South Carolina, M.L.I.S.

Katie Hladky
Religious Studies
Miami University of Ohio, B.A. and M.A. 
Florida State University, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
African American religions, Pentecostalism, teleevangelism, gender and sexuality

Annie C. Higgins
Asian Studies
Northwestern University, B.A. 
University of Chicago, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Classical Arabic literature, identity in early Islam, contemporary refugee poetry, representation in Arabic currencies

Carmen Grace
Hispanic Studies
Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, B.A. 
The Ohio State University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Spanish literature and culture, the evolution of preaching through the seventeenth century in Spain with the study of several treatises about the art of preaching and sermons of leading preachers

Nicolas Straube
Biology
Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany, B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
Phylogeny and evolution of cartilaginous fishes, i.e. sharks, skates, rays, and chimaeras

Jon Hale
Teacher Education
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, B.A. 
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: 
American educational history, specifically education during the Civil Rights Movement, social and oral history of youth and student activism, democratic educational reform
New Faculty

Alvaro Ibarra
Art History
University of Texas at Austin, B.A., M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Roman art and archaeology, research identity construction

Miriam Klous
Health and Human Performance
VU University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, B.S. and M.S.
University of Salzburg, Austria, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: (Sports) biomechanics and motor control, inter-limb coordination, coordination between the legs, coordination between arms, coordination between arms and legs

Tim Johnson
Classics
Grace College, B.A.
University of Kentucky, M.A.
University of Illinois, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Augustan literature and politics, Greek and Roman lyric, New Testament backgrounds

Molly Jones-Lewis
Classics
Swarthmore College, B.A.
The Ohio State University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: History of medicine and interculturality in the ancient Mediterranean, especially concerning the intersection of xenophobia and poison lore in the hellenistic and Roman periods

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Classics
Swarthmore College, B.A.
The Ohio State University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: History of medicine and interculturality in the ancient Mediterranean, especially concerning the intersection of xenophobia and poison lore in the hellenistic and Roman periods

John Marble
German and Slavic Studies
St. Cloud State University, B.A.
University of Minnesota, M.A.
Areas of Specialization: Teaching German as a foreign language, pragmatics in FL/L2 instruction, issues of motivation in foreign language learning

Allan Nadler
Jewish Studies
McGill University, B.A.
Harvard University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Religious studies, Jewish intellectual history, Jewish thought and culture in eastern Europe, Jewish philosophy and mysticism, religious orthodoxies and heresies

Chenhong Li
Grice Marine Lab
Shanghai Fisheries University, B.A. and M.A.
University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Molecular phylogenetics and systematics of fishes, gene-capture and the next-generation sequencing analysis

Gavin Naylor
Biology Department
Durham University, United Kingdom, B.S.
University of Maryland, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Molecular evolution, phylogenetics, computational reconstruction of historical events that have shaped biological diversity from DNA Sequences

Jonathan A. Neufeld
Philosophy
University of Minnesota, B.A.
King’s College, London, M.A.
Columbia University, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Aesthetics (especially philosophy of music), philosophy of law, political philosophy

Ornaith O’Dowd
Philosophy
National University of Ireland, Galway, B.A. and M.A.
City University of New York, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Ethical theory, especially Kantian ethics and feminist ethics, social and political philosophy

Jordan Ragusa
Political Science
Bowling Green State University, B.S.
University of Florida, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Congress, political parties (with specific interests in how parties affect the functioning of bicameralism and the policy process) and research methodology

Olivia M. Thompson
Health and Human Performance
College of Charleston, B.S.
Emory University, M.P.H.
University of Washington, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Policy-driven research and evaluations with focus on the prevention and control of chronic diseases

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New Faculty

Weishen Wang
Economics and Finance
Xi’an Jiaotong University, China, B.S. and M.S.
University of Central Florida, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Investments, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, corporate strategy, small business development

Claire B. Wofford
Political Science
Wellesley College, B.A.
Duke University School of Law, J.D.
Emory University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: American politics, with a particular focus on the U.S. judicial system, judicial politics, and the role of race, class, and gender in structuring political power

- Heather Alexander,
Faculty Secretariat

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Faculty Club

Faculty Club website

20 Glebe Street is the home of the College of Charleston Faculty Club, which now has over 150 members. Any faculty member is eligible for membership, with dues at $5.00 per paycheck for full and associate professors, and $2.50 per paycheck for assistant. Members receive:

- Fresh-brewed Starbucks coffee every morning at the Faculty House (we provide decaf as well as the fixings for tea)
- Access to the first floor of 20 Glebe as both an informal place to work alone, meet colleagues or schedule meetings and events. For more information on scheduling, please go here.
- A catered lunch at least every three weeks, as well as other events, including socials.
- Shower facilities, including towels.
- Internet hubs, a flat-screen television, plenty of tables and chairs, plus a phone and fax machine.

If you are interested in joining the club, please fill out the appropriate sign-up sheet (found here), and then either turn it in in-person at 20 Glebe or email it to facultyclub@cofc.edu.

Please contact Heather Alexander, Bill Carswell, or any member of the executive committee if you have questions.

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