By now the 2015/16 academic year is well underway, the syllabi have been written, the new courses planned, and our new students have begun their integration into our campus culture. While it is spring that fills poetry as the time of re-birth and renewal – for me it is the sights and sounds of fall and the start of a new academic year which invigorate me with a refreshed passion for my discipline, for my teaching, and for the College.

It is a challenging time for higher education across the country and nowhere may that be truer than South Carolina. Over the next few years there will be many campus conversations and efforts responding to the challenges before us. Our history of shared governance is strong and it positions us well to find collaborative solutions. I encourage everyone to actively participate and to keep transparency, openness, and frankness in the process.
Know Your Senators

DEPARTMENTAL SENATORS

School of the Arts
Paul Collins – Theatre & Dance
Marc Regnier – Music
Cliff Peacock – Studio Art
Alvarro Ibarra – Art & Architectural History

School of Business
Roxane DeLaurell – Accounting & Legal Studies
Mark Witte – Economics
Elaine Wozala – Finance
Steve Litvin – Hospitality & Tourism Management
Kelly Shaver – Management & Marketing
Marvin Gonzalez – Supply Chain & Information Management

School of the Education, Health, and Human Performance
Emily Skinner – Teacher Education
Scooter Barnette – Health & Human Performance

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Thomas Ross – Psychology
Julia Eichelberger – English
Lisa Pinley-Covert – History
Brett Lott – English
Joe Kelly – English
Brian Fisher – Political Science

School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs
Anthony D. Greene – African American Studies
Beatriz Maldonado – International Studies

School of Science and Mathematics
Beth Meyer-Bernstein – Biology
Rick Heldrich – Chemistry & Biochemistry
Joe Carson – Physics
Tom Kunkle – Mathematics
Alex Kasman – Mathematics
Jason Vance – Biology

Library
Jannette Finch

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School of Business
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Idee Winfield – Sociology & Anthropology
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Julia Eichelberger – English
Lisa Pinley-Covert – History
Brett Lott – English
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Tom Kunkle – Mathematics
Alex Kasman – Mathematics
Jason Vance – Biology

Library
Tyler Mobley

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Melissa Thomas – Health & Human Performance
Jennifer Mantini – Physics & Astronomy

Paul Anderson – Computer Science
Adem Ali – Geology & Environmental Geosciences
Iana Anguelova – Mathematics
Alem Teklu – Physics & Astronomy

Important Information about Senate Meetings...

...meetings are open to all, with the provision that the Senate may, by two-thirds vote restrict a session to senators only.

...members of the College faculty who are not senators have floor privileges.

...when recognized by the Speaker and given the floor, individuals should identify themselves by name and affiliation.

...only senators have voting privileges.

...additional information available on-line at facultysenate.cofc.edu
Spotlight on Shared Governance

Faculty Committees

Standing Committees

The Faculty Senate may be the “most visible” aspect of our shared governance system, but (as anyone who has served on one knows) it is within our committee system that much of the important work is done. As we continue to grapple with the large questions before our institution, it is in our committees where the broadest and most inclusive conversations can and do occur. Please consider not only volunteering to serve on a committee, but also learning the committees’ memberships, their charges, and their current agendas.

One committee that was utilized in a much more involved and transparent fashion in 2014-15 was the Faculty Budget Committee. It participated in a series of budget hearings throughout the early Spring and then provided input directly to the budget proposal brought forth by Academic Affairs. Information about the committee’s efforts last year maybe found in their report to the Senate on April 7, 2015 (2014-15 Budget Report).

Most have heard about the budgetary and financial challenges before the College. It is fully expected that our Budget Committee will not only participate again this spring in the generation of the FY 2017 budget proposal, but will be an active partner in discussions regarding any adjustments that may be necessary to the FY 2016 budget. Julia Eichelberger (English) chairs the committee and its membership includes Calvin Blackwell (Economics), Doug Friedman (International & Intercultural Studies), Courtney Murren (Biology), Thomas Ross (Psychology), Martha Stackel (Library), and William Veal (Teacher Education). Any questions or concerns may be shared with the committee either collectively or individually.

More about the respective committees and their charges may be found here and committee chairs and membership at this link.

REMINDER

Need a place for a committee or other faculty group to meet?

The Senate has a meeting space in the Education Center – its availability is posted HERE. It may be reserved until a new Secretariat has been hired by contacting the Speaker of the Faculty.

Trustee Shadowing of Faculty

In the Fall of 2012, Lynn Cherry, Speaker of the Faculty at the time, initiated a Trustee/Faculty engagement program which has become a model for and duplicated by other institutions. In this program a Board of Trustees member shadows a faculty member throughout her/his day – learning about faculty life by attending class, meetings, office hours, and discussing research interests.

In its three years of activity, sixteen Trustees (14 current and 2 previous) have shadowed twenty-eight faculty colleagues. These interactions have provided insights for both faculty and Trustees into each other’s respective roles and nurtured new relationships. Some faculty feedback provided has included the following …

...Having her (the Trustee) meet a prospective research student with me, hopefully getting an inside view of the enthusiasm and excitement both students and faculty have for our undergraduate research program.

Another faculty colleague expressing the top three benefits…

Allowing a Board member to gain insight into the purpose and operation of our facility…
Allowing a Board member to gain insight into how faculty spend their time and the nature of student faculty interaction.
Allowing the faculty and Board member to exchange mutual views on problems faced by the College and their possible solutions

This kind of interaction is an important means to foster dialogue and understanding and it is hoped that when invited faculty will participate.

Assoc. Prof. of Chemistry Wendy Cory and Trustee Demetria Clemons in the lab!
For additional information including minutes go to trustees.cofc.edu

The August 6 – 7, 2015 meeting of the College of Charleston’s Board of Trustees consisted on the 6th of a full day of committee meetings, followed on the 7th by the full Board meeting. Full minutes will be posted after their approval at the October meeting. Items presented and discussed over both days included:

- Rollout of “Top 10%” Admission Plan – Following the announcement last year by the President and the discussion and consideration of numerous standing committees – the Office of Admissions will be beginning this program in 7 S.C. counties for the 2016 entering class.
- FY 2016 new allocations from the SC legislature – including recurring monies for Supply Chain Mgmt. and Computer Science, and non-recurring monies for Stern Center, Simons Center, and Avery
- Discussion of the legislatively mandated one-time $800 bonus for all state employees earning less than $100,000 to occur in Oct.
- Report on campus security – including the revision and updating of all communication templates, maps/emergency plans to be added to all classrooms, and other improvements to Cougar Alert
- General outline for a new Learning Technology Center classroom building – which will be a pan-discipline building providing a variety of classroom spaces.
- Updates on building/renovation projects including – the completion of the Dixie Plantation field stations – the Jewish Studies expansion which is on schedule to be completed by Spring 2016
- Report on sponsored programs and external grant funding – highlighted by approx. $10 million in external funding for FY 2015
- Further discussion about school-based fees – to be continued at Oct. meeting.
- Reports on Alumni Relations’ events – specifically annual Awards Gala date set for Nov. 19th, and successful 2015 Charleston Affair – future footprint to be expanded.
- Recognition of Jack Huguley on his pending retirement.
- New or updated policies, including…. New Contracts policy, updates to Ethics policy, and from Institutional Advancement - updates to Gift Acceptance

Board of Trustees committee and full board meetings are open to the public. I encourage interested faculty to attend. Some committees of note and their typical meeting times include…

- Academic Affairs – 10:00 - 11:15 am
- Budget and Finance – 11:15 – 12:15 pm
- Student Affairs – 2:15 – 3:15 pm

More information on meeting schedules may be found at trustees.cofc.edu/schedule

A Trustee’s Faculty Recollection

When I was a student at the College of Charleston, I recall fondly that Dr. Jim Snyder taught one of my favorite classes. Dr. Snyder was a professor in the Department of Business. He was a very engaging and energetic professor with a teaching style that required critical thinking and he had the unique ability to link book knowledge to the real world. In previous semesters, I had taken several management courses taught by him and in this particular semester he made an effort to let me know he was planning to offer an entrepreneurship class and he encouraged me to enroll. The class met one day each week – an entire day on Saturday.

The main goal of the class was to design a business; one that had to be feasible and based on a demonstrated need for that product or service. From that concept, a full business plan encompassing budgeting, capital needs, financing, suppliers, and target markets was to be developed. The class divided up and we worked as teams, each designing a business. My team settled on the concept of a printing business. At that time, it was an industry dominated by stand-alone “Mom & Pop” type operations. Our plan was to develop inter-connected regional locations that could offer more robust services at lower costs due to economies of scale and a larger customer base. In the end, we developed a sound business model and learned a tremendous amount in the process.

Fast-forward twenty years to 1998, when our organization was involved in the founding of a printing company. In two short years, we acquired eleven individually owned printing companies on the East and West Coasts. By quickly recognizing the economic benefits of redundant synergies our printing company became an attractive target itself and was later sold to a Midwest-based communications company. In short, it appears that a 1978 business plan developed in the College of Charleston class of Dr. Jim Snyder was an effective one. It took a great deal of commitment for young college students to enroll in and complete such a class, and only Dr. Snyder could fill one.

Chair of the Board, Gregory D. Padgett
B.S., College of Charleston - 1979
Welcome to our New Faculty

Please welcome the following fifty (38 roster and 12 visiting/other) new faculty colleagues to the College!

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Dr. Deepti Agrawal
Dept. of Supply Chain and Information Management

- National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur, India, B. TECH.
- University of Memphis, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Business Value of IT, open source software, open government and business analytics.

Dr. Karyn Amira
Dept. of Political Science

- Union College, B. A.
- Stony Brook University, M.A. and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Political psychology and American politics.

Dr. Vivian Appler
Department of Theatre and Dance

- College of William and Mary, B. A.
- Queen Mary University of London, M.A.
- University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Performance Studies, intersection of science and performance.
Lindsay Barnett
Libraries

Converse College, B.A.
University of South Carolina, M.L.I.S.

Area of Specialization:
Linked data, digital rights management, e-resources.

University of Minnesota, B.S.
Cornell University, Ph.D.
Cold Spring Harbor Lab. and Scripps Research Inst. Postdoctoral

Area of Specialization:
Neuroscience, how experience regulates neurodevelopment.

Dr. Jennifer Bestman
Dept. of Psychology

Brigham Young University, B.A., M.A.
UCLA, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
19th and 20th cent. Latin American lit. and music, lit. of Brazil and Caribbean, theatre of the Americas

Federal U. of Bahia, Brazil B.C.E.
Federal U. of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, M.E.
Marquette University Industrial Engineering, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Industrial engineering, continuous improvement

Dr. Bethany Beyer
Department of Hispanic Studies

Dr. Luis Borges
Dept. of Supply Chain and Info. Management
Barrye Brown
Libraries

Dr. Edward Chauca
Department of Hispanic Studies

Dr. David Coss
Department of Accounting and Legal Studies

Dr. Matthew Cressler
Dept. of Religious Studies

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Dr. David Coss
Department of Accounting and Legal Studies

Dr. Matthew Cressler
Dept. of Religious Studies

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, B.A.
UCLA, M.A., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Andean culture, mental health and literature in Latin America, capitalism and culture in Latin America

University of Nevada Las Vegas, B.S. and M.B.A.
Virginia Commonwealth University, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Governance of information assets and the ethical and strategic use of accounting info. Systems.

St. Bonaventure University, B.A.
Harvard Divinity School, M.T.S.
Northwestern University, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
African American religions, Black Catholics in the US,
Dr. Adam Domby  
Department of History

- University of Washington, B.A.
- American University in Cairo, M.A.
- University of Chicago, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:

- Civil War and reconstruction
- 19th century American history
- Southern history
- Historical memory
- Military history

Dr. Rachel Donaldson  
Department of History

- Fordham University, B.A.
- University of Maryland, M.H.P.
- Vanderbilt University, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:

- Public history
- Historic preservation
- 20th century US history
- Cultural and labor history

Dr. Timothy Doupnik  
Dept. of Accounting and Legal Studies

- Cal. State University - Fullerton, B.A.
- University of Illinois, M.S., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:

- International Accounting

Dr. Garrett Davidson  
Asian Studies

- University of Washington, B.A.
- American University in Cairo, M.A.
- University of Chicago, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:

- Civil War and reconstruction
- 19th century American history
- Southern history
- Historical memory
- Military history
Dr. Irina Erman  
Department of German and Russian Studies

Mary Jo Fairchild  
Libraries

Allison Foley  
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology

Christine Elliott  
Libraries

Macon State College, B.A.

Valdosta St. University, M.L.I.S.

Area of Specialization: Reference, research services, library marketing, generating digital content

Emory University, B.A.

Stanford University M.A., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: 19th and 20th century Russian literature and theater, literary theory, gender and sexuality in Russian culture.

College of Charleston, B.A. and M.A.

University of South Carolina, M.L.I.S.

Area of Specialization: Archival science, archival reference, research, and outreach.

Grinnell College, B.A.

University of Edinburgh, M.A  

Indiana University, Ph.D.  (pending)

Area of Specialization: Bioarcheology, paleopathology, disability, mortuary practices, social identity, dental anthropology, and evolutionary medicine.
Dr. Michael Giuliano
Department of Chemistry

Villanova University, B.S.

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Ph.D.

Yale University, Postdoc

Area of Specialization:
Bio-organic chemistry, synthetic organic chemistry, structural study and chemical mimicry

Dr. Leslie Hart
Dept. of Health and Human Performance

College of William and Mary, B.S.

College of Charleston, M.S.

Medical University of South Carolina, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, wildlife health, marine mammals.

Dr. Jennifer Gerrish
Department of Classics

Vassar College, A.B.

University of Pennsylvania, M.A. and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Roman history and historiography, civil war in the ancient world, allusion and intertextuality

Dr. Mary Ann Hartshorn
Dept. of Teacher Education

Towson University, B.A.

Salisbury University, M.A.

University of Maryland, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Education, research in literacy.
Dr. Sarah Hatteberg
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology

Lake Forest College, B.A.

Indiana University, M.A. and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Social psychology, sociology of mental health/illness, sociology of sport, medical sociology

College of Charleston, B.S.

University of Nebraska, M.A. and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Clinical psychology with research interests in child maltreatment and interpersonal violence

Dr. Grace Hubel
Department of Psychology

Robin Humphreys
Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences

Eckerd College, B.A.

University of Southern Miss., M.A.T.L.

Area of Specialization:
Second Language Acquisition; International Education

Kathy Kaufmann
Dept. of French, Francophone and Italian Studies
Dr. Christy Kollath-Cattano
Dept. of Health and Human Performance

Area of Specialization:
Tobacco control.
Research interests include global health and women's health

C.C.S. University, Meerut, India, B.Sc.
I.I.T. Roorkee, Roorkee, India, M.Sc.
I.I.T. Delhi, India, Ph.D.

Dr. Mukesh Kumar
Department of Mathematics

Area of Specialization:
Numerical analysis, finite element methods, partial differential equations

University of California, San Diego, B.A.
University of S. Carolina, M.A. and Ph.D.

Dr. Phillip Manning
Department of Geology

Area of Specialization:
The application of new technologies applied to the evolution of life on earth.

University of Leicester, UK, B.Sc.
University of Manchester UK, M.Sc.
University of Sheffield, UK, Ph.D.

Dr. Brent Munsell
Dept. of Computer Science

Area of Specialization:
Computer vision, machine learning, medical image analysis

University of Michigan, B.S.
Clemson University, M.E.
U of South Carolina, Ph.D.
Dr. Ozden Ocak
International Studies Program

Dr. Ian W. O'Byrne
Dept. of Teacher Education

Dr. Aspen Olmsted
Department of Computer Science

Dr. Antonio Perez-Nunez
Dept. of Hispanic Studies
Dr. Zhiying Qian
Asian Studies Program

- East China Normal University, B.A.
- University of Illinois, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: Chinese linguistics, psycholinguistics, second language acquisition, sentence processing.

- Boston University, B.A.
- Yale University, Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: Modern Jewish history and American religious history, with a focus on intersections between religion and everyday life, especially in the 19th century.

- University of Washington, B.Sc.
- University of Toronto, M.A., and Ph.D.

Dr. Shari Rabin
Jewish Studies Program

Area of Specialization: Mathematics education, probability teaching and learning, risk literacy, equity and social justice in math education.

- Indiana Univ. Northwest, B.S.
- Medical U. of S. Carolina, Ph.D.

Dr. Melissa Scheiber
Department of Biology

Area of Specialization: Cancer biology with a focus on transcriptional regulation, cancer immunology, and tumor-microenvironment interactions.

- Indiana Univ. Northwest, B.S.
- Medical U. of S. Carolina, Ph.D.
Clinnesha Sibley  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
- Georgia Southern University, B.A.  
- Florida State University, Ph.D.  
Area of Specialization:

Dr. Ansley Simmons  
Arts Management Program  
- Northwestern University, B.A.  
- Emory University, M.A. and Ph.D.  
Area of Specialization:  
African history, Atlantic history, Ghana, slavery and slave trade.

Dr. Rebecca Shumway  
Department of History  
- Tougaloo College, B.A.  
- University of Arkansas, M.F.A.  
Area of Specialization:  
Playwriting

Dr. Gregory Smith  
Department of Physics and Astronomy  
- Northwestern University, B.S.  
- Wake Forest University, Ph.D.  
Area of Specialization:  
African history, Atlantic history, Ghana, slavery and slave trade.
Dr. Jessica Streit
Department of Art and Architectural History

Dr. Allison Sterrett-Krause
Department of Classics

Geoffrey Timms
Libraries

Dr. Ana Uribe
Department of Physics and Astronomy

- Randolph-Macon College, B.A.
- University of Cincinnati, M.A. and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: Islamic and medieval art, with a focus on the western Mediterranean world

- University of New Mexico, B.A.F.A.
- Cornell University, M.A., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization: Library systems and web services, information management and delivery, information literacy with an emphasis on biology.

- University of London, B.S.
- University of S. Carolina, M.L.I.S.

Area of Specialization: Roman archeology, including gender, social agency, and technology in urban development.

- Universidad de los Andes, B.S. and M.S
- Max Plank Institut

Area of Specialization:

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Dr. Sebastian van Delden
Department of Computer Science

University of Central Florida, B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Analysis and control of partial differential equation models arising in application with a particular interest in fluid-structure interactions.

University of San Diego, B.S.

University of Virginia, M.S., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Spanish literature and culture, seventeenth century Spanish theater, transatlantic studies.

Dr. Justin Webster
Department of Mathematics

B.S.

Dr. Carl Wise
Department of Hispanic Studies

University of Georgia, M.A., and Ph.D.

Area of Specialization:
Visual and voice guided industrial robotics.

Birmingham-Southern College, B.A.

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