

THE NEWSLETTER

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MAY 7, 2010

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, May 7	Baccalaureate - 4:00 p.m. , Lee Chapel
Saturday, May 8	GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 7:30 p.m., Edmunds Center UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 10:00 a.m., Edmunds Center (tickets required) Academic Year Leases End & Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 11	Summer Session Residence Halls Open 12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 12	Activation of Registration Deadline – Summer Session Classes Begin for Session 1 and 3
Thursday, May 13	Last Day to Add Course for Credit – Sessions 1 and 3
Monday, May 17	Last Day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty for Courses in Progress – Sessions 1 and 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16 AND APRIL 29 UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETINGS are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

2010 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION.

Baccalaureate will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, in the Lee Chapel and the selected faculty will form their line of march at 3:30 in the Elizabeth Hall corridor. University Chaplain Michael Fronk will deliver the sermon and Christine Reinard, 2009 Giffin Scholarship Recipient, will sing the anthem.

The commencement ceremony for all **graduate students** is scheduled for **Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 7:00 p.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). President Libby will give the charge to the graduating class.

The commencement ceremony for all **undergraduate students** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 9:30 a.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). Student speakers are Erica Saviuk, Ashley Perryman and Robert Pace, and President Libby will give a brief charge.

The President's Reception will be held on **Rinker Field on Friday, May 7, at 9:00 p.m.** for all graduating students, families and guests.

Full regalia is required for Baccalaureate and both commencements. The Line of March is available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/lineofmarch.pdf>

From: Judy Ward

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LIVE IN ELIZABETH HALL. Please join us to hear our featured faculty, student ensemble groups, and special guests. All concerts are held in Elizabeth Hall at 7:30 pm and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted.**

May 16: Community School of the Arts – Children’s Choir Concert, Ann Small and Claudia Gatewood, conductors
3:00 P.M.

From: Kathleen Loftus

ATTENTION UNIVERISTY COMMITTEE CHAIRS: If you have not already done so, please provide the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358), copies of all meeting minutes for 2009-2010 and an annual committee report that provides a very brief summary of the year’s work to include: an evaluation of particular members (who functioned well/poorly); tasks still in progress; suggestions for next year’s chair; a description of the size and makeup of the committee; a recommendation as to whether the committee is necessary; and suggestions to make the committee more efficient.

From: Beth Paul, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

THE FOLLOWING FACULTY HAVE BEEN NOMINATED THIS YEAR FOR THE HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS. Congratulations to each of you on this honor! The recipients will be announced at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 8.

Jane Christeson
Hala ElAarag
Melissa Gibbs

Greg McCann
Kandy Queen-Sutherland
Stephen Robinson

Kirsten Work
Benhua Yang

From: The University Hand Award Review Committee

THE FOLLOWING FACULTY HAVE BEEN NOMINATED THIS YEAR FOR THE WILLIAM HUGH MCENIRY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING. Congratulations to each of you on this honor! The recipient will be announced at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 8.

Ann Adams
Finnegan Alfred-Cooper
T. Wayne Bailey
Yves A. Clemmen
C. Dwaine Cochran
Richard Copeland
Carol Corcoran
Joel Davis
Andy Dehnart
Michael Denner
Elizabeth Dershimer
Ana Eire
Hala El Aarag
Glen Epley
Terry Farrell
Richard Ferland
Jennifer Foo
Monique Forte
George Glander
Ron Hall
Anne Hallum

David Hill
Ramee Indralingam
Monica Jeancola
Karen Kaivola
Jamil Khader
Camille King
Eric Kurlander
Andrew Larson
Robert Leahy
Craig Maddox
Gregory McCann
Emily Mieras
Carolyn Nicholson
Brigid Noonan
William Nysten
Becky Oliphant
Megan O’Neill
John Pearson
Daniel Plante
Elisabeth Poeter
Harry Price

Kandy Queen-Sutherland
Mitchell Reddish
Kimberly Reiter
Daniel Rossi-Keen
Joshua Rust
David Schmidt
John Schorr
Tara Schuwerk
Robert Sitler
Peggy Stahl
Paul Steeves
D. Dixon Sutherland
Page Thanasiu
Tom Vogel
Matthew Wilson
Joseph Witek
Terri Witek
Nathan Wolek
Kirsten Work

From: Michael Branton, Past Chair, Faculty Senate

LAST CALL FOR COPIES OF THE 2009-2010 BULLETIN. Requests for additional copies of the 2009-2010 Bulletin should be made by May 28, after which time any remaining copies will be sent to recycling. As a reminder, the 2010-2011 Bulletin will be available only in an electronic format. Please watch for further announcements regarding availability.

From: Judy Ward

Dear Everyone,

I apologize for the seemingly impersonal method to say THANK YOU to everyone involved in making possible, attending and/or sending good wishes for the A-Sun Championship Ring Ceremony at the Baseball game this past Friday. As you can imagine the list of people to thank is incredibly long, I do not wish to leave anyone out but I wish to acknowledge and thank the following: President Dr. Wendy Libby and her husband Dr. Richard Libby and Mr. Jeff Altier for presenting the rings; the Stetson University Faculty and staff; the Athletic Board of Trustees; the Athletic department and staff; soccer alumni; and Boosters. Please again, let me say a heart-felt THANK YOU to ALL involved – the night was fantastic and will assuredly remain a fond memory for all the scholar-athletes on our Men's soccer team. It was a very special day that also included Griffin Gilstrap receiving the prestigious Wendell Jarrard Award at the Honors ceremony earlier that same day. It can be viewed, if you desire, by going to our soccer web site Or clicking on the link provided. http://www.gohatters.com/SportSelect.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=14600&KEY=&SPID=6735&SPSID=69243

This was the best possible send off we could give to our graduating seniors. I do wish to single out Stacy Turner, who behind the scenes constantly amazes me by how much she gets done on a daily basis – without any concern for praise, she does it all because she loves our scholar-athletes. Thank you all and I will work relentlessly so we can do it all again next year!

Go Hatters!!!

T. Logan Fleck
Stetson University
Men's Soccer



MISCELLANEOUS

THE MAY 7 EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER is the last issue for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Newsletter will resume publication in August.

From: The Editor

FOR RENT - Beautiful 3 BR/2 B 1950's home - fully furnished including 2 Yamaha pianos, only 1/2 mile from Stetson in one of DeLand's most scenic neighborhoods. Hardwood floors, central air and heat, 2 car garage, washer/dryer, large fenced backyard. Perfect for a visiting professor, young family or responsible music students. Available in August. Call (386) 747-9269.

From: Cyndi Hansen

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information has been received from the college/schools/departments:

Ms. Gail Radley, Lecturer in English, is now the West Volusia blogger for vacationplanning.net, a site dedicated to drawing tourist interest to subscribing areas.

Her first blog -- unfortunately shortened -- is "Stetson University: A Dream in Process," and may be viewed at http://www.vacationplanning.net/blogs/blog_radley/10-04-14/Stetson_University_A_Dream_in_Process.aspx
From: Gail Radley

Mr. Pat Knipe, Adjunct in Accounting, and **Dr. Mike Bitter**, Professor of Accounting, presented their paper "The Central Florida Emphysema Foundation Audit: A Case Study Of Personal And Professional Responsibility" at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Accounting Association on April 10 in Mobile, AL. Bitter also moderated a session on Auditing and Corporate Governance at the Meeting.
From: Mike Bitter

Dr. Eugene Huskey, Professor of Political Science and William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair, reports that the revolution in Kyrgyzstan on April 7th began an intensive two weeks of engagement with the media and the U.S. Government. The Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) published an online interview with me on April 8th, "Kyrgyzstan Uprising: Just Who is Running This Place." The next morning, the *St. Petersburg Times* carried my op-ed piece, "Kyrgyzstan Uprising an Indictment of American Policy." That evening, the online journal, *Salon*, published my 5500 word essay that explained the path of Kyrgyzstan to revolution, "If You Want to Understand Kyrgyzstan, Read This." Over the weekend, the article was the second-most e-mailed story on *Salon*. The following week, the *Intersection* program of WMFE Radio in Orlando carried an interview with me that examined the new Kyrgyzstani leader, Roza Otunbaeva. Leader Otunbaeva, whom I had met on my first research trip to Kyrgyzstan in 1992, came to Stetson for a talk in the early 1990s and had dinner with a group of Stetson students in London in 2000 on their way to Kyrgyzstan.

On April 14th, I presented a two-hour seminar at the Department of State in Washington entitled "Kyrgyzstan in Crisis." Following the seminar, I briefed President Obama's advisor on Russian and Central Asian Affairs, Michael McFaul, in the Executive Office Building. On April 22nd, I returned to Washington to give written and oral testimony to the House Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs for the hearing, "Crisis in Kyrgyzstan: Fuel, Contracts, and Revolution." The following day I participated in a half-day workshop at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington entitled "The Challenge of Democratic Transition and Constitutional Design in Kyrgyzstan." Participants in the workshop included political scientists and representatives of the NGO community. The workshop is producing a document designed to assist constitutional drafters in Kyrgyzstan in shaping the country's new institutions of state.

On April 13th, I participated in a day-long workshop in Washington for the intelligence community. It was devoted to Russian politics.
From: Gene Huskey

Dr. Nathan Wolek, Assistant Professor of Music Technology, and **Mr. Matt Roberts**, Associate Professor of Digital Arts, directed the MPG: Mobile Performance Group on the evening of April 24 at the Downtown Indianapolis Public Library. The performance was part of the Intermedia Festival of Telematic Arts (<http://music.iupui.edu/intermedia/>), a gathering of international and national artists organized and hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Joining Roberts and Wolek in this performance were students **Stephen Garza** (BM 2010), **Eric Baum** (BA 2010), **Leonidas Dezes** (BA 2011), and **Jon Van Hoff** (BA 2011).
From: Nathan Wolek

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, April 16, 2010

Rinker Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, April 16, in the Rinker Auditorium. Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened the meeting at noon.

Dr. Wendy Libby, President, reported on enrollment and shared that extra financial aid was being offered to attract high yield-rate students. She thanked faculty for their phone calls to prospective students, and reminded everyone of Accepted Student Day on April 24. Student advising and support services are being reviewed for ways to increase retention, and Stetson is placing emphasis on attracting transfer students from Valencia Community College and Seminole State College, both of which have chapters of Phi Theta Kappa honorary.

Dr. Libby reported that the Board of Trustees passed the FY2011 budget and the FY2010 budget will be balanced. The 3% salary pool remains intact for next year, and Dr. Libby will identify a small portion as across the board raises with the balance to be used for merit increases. Mr. George Herbst, Vice President for Finance, and Dr. Paul will study the total compensation package to include benefits, and conduct a comparison against national norms for faculty and county and national norms for staff. Mr. Herbst is also researching a health insurance consortium that looks promising. Other studies in progress are club football, a campus master plan, and campus landscaping.

Dr. Paul followed up with additional information on Accepted Student Day that is designed not as an "open house," but rather as the beginning of the Stetson University experience for students.

Dr. John Tichenor, Director of Institutional Research, reviewed the two stages of the SACS re-accreditation process. The compliance certification is due in September and the success of our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will be assessed during the on-site visit April 5-7, 2011. Our QEP is "Transitions," both into Stetson ("Hatter Trek") and through and beyond ("Hatter Quest"). Plans call for a new FOCUS (orientation experience) that emphasizes academics and provides earlier feedback for support services. Faculty and staff will need to become familiar with the 100 page document that will outline the process to enhance student experiences and improve retention.

Dr. Paul reported on the progress of the University Curriculum Committee as it plans to evolve next fall into the University Council on Curriculum and Academic Policy (UCCAP). Recent work included identifying how we make academic decisions and policies that assure an organized and deliberate process based on faculty participatory governance and open dialogue. Initiating this new process, faculty members, including those in the College of Law, are asked to study carefully the draft for program closures and program initiation and make recommendations. This new process will also be used to review Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, and will lead to the second phase of academic planning – the review of programs as opportunities for excellence. Still to be determined is the role of full faculty vote.

Dr. Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, Chair of the Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Task Force, reported on the need for a new policy and invited faculty participation at two open forums (April 23 and April 27) to discuss the proposal that will be distributed prior to the forums.

Dr. Tichenor reported that the online course evaluations opened on Wednesday, April 14, and he asked faculty to encourage their students to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Rinker Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Thursday, April 29, at 3:00 p.m. in the Rinker Auditorium. Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened the meeting and thanked all participants of Accepted Student Day for their recruitment efforts that highlighted the academic advising community and community service with faculty in leading roles. She also thanked faculty for encouraging students to participate in the online evaluations that now stand at 82% participation rate.

Dr. Paul introduced for discussion the need for an overall system for vetting curriculum and academic policies that will create consistency in the excellence of academic curriculum, including that of the College of Law. A draft of the revised process, distributed for faculty review, renames the University Curriculum Council to the University Council on Curriculum and Academic Policy (UCCAP) and replaces the interim General Education work groups and committees that have worked effectively to develop and implement the new General Education program. In support of this change, Dr. Paul proposed a new ½ time position in Academic Affairs to track and record academic policies and to initiate a system to review and revise policies as needed.

Ms. Betty Johnson, chair of the University Curriculum Council, moved (seconded by Dr. Megan O'Neill) that the University Council on Curriculum and Academic Policy (UCCAP) be approved for implementation in fall 2010.

Discussion included confirmation that:

- faculty should be elected rather than appointed to the UCCAP
- the first policy to go through UCCAP is the program closure/opening draft
- each college/school should define their system to move through as efficiently as possible
- proposals to be considered by UCCAP should be developed by a steering group so the Provost can give input at the beginning of the process rather than at the end thus ensuring success. If this process does not work, then the system will require revision.

The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, Chair of the Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Task Force, reported briefly on the two open forums that attracted only 6-7 faculty, each, for discussion on the draft revisions to the Tenure and Promotion policies. She then presented a power-point overview of the proposal that highlighted:

- Development of interpretations of University standards
- Mentoring
- Training for people in the process
- Greater transparency
- Accountability
- Care and attention to the faculty currently in the pipeline

The Task Force asked for a motion to endorse their principles, but after lengthy discussion the motion was withdrawn. Dr. Paul announced that a revision of the draft will be distributed in May and faculty will have the opportunity for input anytime during the summer. A final draft will be shared in early August and faculty will vote on the final proposal before the end of August.

Dr. Paul expressed her appreciation of the time and effort expended by faculty on the various work groups as they determined how to lead themselves as faculty and moved toward representative governance. She confirmed the need to define a process that respects work that has been done and moves it to completion, and she charged Faculty Senate to lead that conversation and effort. Furthermore, faculty workloads will be helped by faculty governance and shared responsibility. Leadership and governance roles for deans, Faculty Senate, and chairs need to be defined and support should be identified. In closing, she thanked the Deans for their leadership, and Faculty Senate (especially Senate Chair Michael Branton) for being generous travel guides and translators during her first year at Stetson. Finally, she thanked Judy Ward for her support and service with a lovely bouquet and sound applause to which this humble faculty secretary responded with sincere pleasure.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
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