

THE NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 17, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

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| Friday, April 17 | University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Stetson Room |
| Friday, April 24 | Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 Noon, H. Douglas Lee Chapel |
| Wednesday, April 29 | Classes End |
| Thursday, April 30 | Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams |
| Friday - Wednesday, May 1-6 | FINAL EXAMINATIONS |
| Wednesday, May 6 | Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement) |
| Thursday, May 7 | Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m. |
| Friday, May 8 | Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m., H. Douglas Lee Chapel |
| Saturday, May 9 | Undergraduate & Graduate Commencements, Edmunds Center |
| | Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 18 | Grades for All students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m. |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Agenda items include a proposal for a Certificate of Community Engagement (Dean Ballenger); the annual report on faculty compensation (John Tichenor); a report on enrollment and retention (Deborah Thompson, John Tichenor, and Leonard Nance); a conversation on campus climate (Dean of Students Rina Tovar); and an interim report on academic calendar recommendations (Stuart Michelson).
From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, APRIL 27, AT 6:30 P.M. at Cress Restaurant, 103 W. Indiana Avenue, DeLand. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend. Non-Senators wishing to attend the dinner portion of the meeting, at their own cost, should contact Stuart Michelson. Minutes of the March 9 Faculty Senate meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.
From: Stuart Michelson, Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve as ushers for Baccalaureate on Friday, May 8, and at the two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9. Please contact Judy Ward (x7010, or jward@stetson.edu) if you can help.
From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009, at noon in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel. Those presenting awards should be seated in the reserved seating on the east side of the room.
From: Judy Ward

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ATTENTION UNIVERISTY COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please provide the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358), copies of all meeting minutes for 2008-2009 and an annual committee report, due by May 7, 2009, 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: The Council of Deans

2009 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION.

Baccalaureate will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel and the selected faculty will form their line of march at 6:30 in the Elizabeth Hall corridor. University Chaplain Michael Fronk will deliver the sermon and Kyle Knappenberger, 2008 Giffin Scholarship Recipient, will sing the anthem. A reception will follow at the President's House.

The commencement ceremony for the **School of Music and the School of Business Administration (both graduate and undergraduate students)** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the Edmunds Center.** The faculty line of march will form at 8:30 a.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). Stetson Trustee Richard McMahan is the commencement speaker and he will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws. Student speakers are yet to be selected.

The commencement ceremony for the **College of Arts & Sciences (both graduate and undergraduate students)** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Center.** The faculty line of march will form at 1:30 p.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). The commencement speaker will be John Churchill, Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, who will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Student speakers are yet to be selected.

Full regalia is required for Baccalaureate and both commencements. The Line of March will be published in the May 1 edition of The Newsletter. The "Hail and Farewell Celebration" will be staged in the Rinker Field House and under tents on the Rinker parking lot from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., offering students, parents and faculty from the schools and college a chance to meet, greet and eat between the two ceremonies.

From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

ATTENTION FACULTY. Please make sure you use the most current **Student Travel/Field Trip Form** up on the Intranet.

The main difference is the last sentence under:

II. LIABILITY WAIVER / RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

"nor for any non-sponsored activities and travel that I choose to participate in before, during or after the university sponsored function, and I therefore accept the risks and responsibilities associated with such private vehicle travel and activities."

The older form does not address this. There is also an addendum sheet that can be used with the travel form (optional) for those trips that might include long distance traveling, overnight stay or unusual risks (or they just want to specify certain things about the trip). Both forms can be found on the Academic Affairs web site at: http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/faculty_info.php.

From: Terry Gordon

Sign Your Kids Up Today - Stetson Fastpitch Academy Summer 2009. General Skills Day Camp (June 7-10); Advanced Camp (June 14-17); Pitching & Catching Camp (June 17-19); All camps are open to all ages! For more information: www.stetson.edu/other/summer/camps/softball or email jpayette@stetson.edu

From: Joanna "JJ" Payette

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

April 17: Stetson Chorale and Stetson Men – Andrew Larson, conductor

April 18: University Symphonic Band – Bobby Adams, conductor

April 21: Alumni Oboe Festival

April 22: Jazz Ensemble – George West, conductor **Stetson Room, Carlton Union Bldg.**

April 24: University Orchestra – Stephen Robinson, guitar; Anthony Hose, conductor

April 25: Concert Choir – Alan Raines, director

April 26: Scholarship Recital – Routa Kroumovitch-Gomez, violin; Michael Rickman, piano. **4:00 p.m.**

April 28: Community School of the Arts Dance Performance. **7:00 p.m.**

From: Kathleen Loftus

SCHEDULES FOR EARTH DAY AND EARTH WEEK. The campus community is invited to participate in Stetson's Earth Day (April 18) and Earth Week (April 18 – 24) activities. Details are posted at <http://www.stetson.edu/gillespie/>.

From: Karen Cole

THE MAY 1 EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER will be the last issue for the 2008-2009 academic year. The deadline for submitting articles is Wednesday, April 29, at 4:00 p.m.

From: Judy Ward

MISCELLANEOUS

Charming Bungalow for Rent (no students please) 201 E. Stetson Street, Deland, FL. Very clean and well maintained; 2 bedrooms/1 bath; closed-in Florida room; large walk-up attic for storage; laundry room with washer & dryer; roofed and screened front porch with porch swing; detached garage; fireplace in living room; built-in armoire in dining room; central air and heat; ceiling fans in all rooms and on the porch; window coverings in all rooms; wood floors; lots of shade trees; walking distance to Stetson. \$850/month - rent includes electric; water; trash disposal; sewer. Maximum 2 persons. Available in June. Call John Wilton, 386-956-2737 or email: jwilton@stetson.edu.

From: Nancy Wilton

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Paul Croce, Professor and Chair of American Studies, and President of the William James Society, organized two sessions for the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, College Station, TX, March 2009: "Healthy-Mindedness and the Science of Well-Being" and "Enlarging Personality: Pedagogical, Subliminal, and Social Aspects of James's Psychology;" for the first, he also served as chair and commentator; and he chaired the business meeting of the William James Society.

From: Paul Croce

Dr. Yves-Antoine Clemmen, Professor of French, presented a paper entitled "Nothomb: traumatisme du nom et de la feuille blanche" at the *20th-21st Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium* at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis (March 26-29).

From: Yves Clemmen

Faculty Senate Meeting, March 9, 2009
Regular meeting, Chair Michael Branton Presiding

Attending: Stuart Michelson (Senate Secretary) (Business), Michael Branton (Senate Chair) (University At-large), Jesus Alfonzo (Music), Kristie Born (Lecturers), Patrick Coggins (Education), Diane Everett (A&S At-Large), Kimberly Flinthamilton (A&S), Tandy Grubbs (A&S), Ramee Indralingam (A&S At-large), Sims Kline (Library), Lloyd Linney (Music), Mitchell Reddish (University At-Large), Mollie Rich (Emeritus), Robert Sitler (A&S At-Large), John York (A&S).

Guests: Richard Kindred, Eric Kurlander, Michael Bitter, Phillip Lucas, Emily Mieras, Joel Davis

1. Meeting called to order at 6:48 pm by Chair Branton.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting by Kline/Everett (motion/second). Approved unanimously.
3. Chair Branton introduced President-elect Libby who provided information on her background. The floor was open to questions and discussion. Topics discussed include: Stetson's value commitment, president's relationship with the Trustees, role of the Provost, Provost search update, bringing a common vision to Stetson, relationship with the Law School, opportunities during the first year, Stetson's strengths, campus plan, role of graduate programs, budget issues and faculty compensation, diversity, faculty satisfaction, intramural sports, leveraging faculty expertise, Stephens response to the current economic climate, evaluations, encouraging students to stay on campus during the weekend, and President-elect Libby's schedule for moving to DeLand and starting as President in July. The Senate thanked Dr. Libby for meeting with us.
4. Miscellaneous Senate Business:
 - There are two Senate meetings left, with the final meeting to be held off-campus.
 - The Senate White Papers (to be sent to the President and Provost) will be sent to Senators soon for discussion and approval at the next Senate meeting.
 - The data on administrator salaries was distributed and will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.
 - A brief update was provided on the P&T committee.

Old Business:

5. No old business.

New Business

6. No new business.

Motion for adjournment by Everett/Coggins (motion/second). Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stuart Michelson, Senate Secretary

