

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, February 4	Department Chairs forward Hand Grant applications to Academic Affairs
Monday, February 25	Hand Award nominations due to College/School/Library dean/director
Friday, February 29	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb
	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, March 3-7	SPRING HOLIDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2008 UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. The University faculty meeting scheduled for Friday, February 15, has been cancelled.
From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2007 FACULTY SENATE MEETING are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.
From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

NEW BUILDING UPDATE. A special campus meeting for interested faculty and students is scheduled for Friday, February 1, at 12:00 noon in the Private Dining Room. Dr. Jim Beasley, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and faculty design advisors will present an update on McMahan Hall, Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Environmental Learning Center, Sage Hall Science Center, and Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center projects. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. If possible, attendees are asked to use the back stairs when arriving and leaving to minimize interruptions of an event being held in the Stetson Room.
From: Jim Beasley

THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION INAUGURAL CONFERENCE will be held March 28 at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens. Donna Shalala is the keynote speaker. The Gender Equity Council and deans invite Stetson faculty and staff (any gender) to attend. The Gender Equity Council will reimburse participants for early registration fees (\$60 before March 1), meals, one night's lodging, and (in the interest of cutting carbon emissions) full mileage for any driver who carries at least one passenger. For more information, visit the conference website, www.stu.edu/flowhe. If you are interested in attending, or need more information, please contact Mary Pollock (mpollock@stetson.edu) before you go.
From: Mary Pollock, Chair, Gender Equity Council

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NOMINATIONS FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY are due to the college/school/library dean/director by Monday, February 26. Nomination information is available from the Office of Academic Affairs and may also be accessed online at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>. Winners in each category are now eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed. A list of previous winners is available in the Office of Academic Affairs and is also posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HandAwardHistory.pdf>

From: Judy Ward

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SURCAS, the university-wide symposium for student research, will be held this year on April 9. Please begin encouraging students to present at SURCAS. **Students will rarely volunteer. It is up to you to get them there!** The **SURE Grant Competition is also ready to begin.** Now is the time to talk to your students about SURE grants. Last year there was some competition, with several good grant proposals, but it was the first time in years that had happened, and many of the students had been encouraged by someone on the SURE committee. Again, we can put up the posters, but you are the ones who encourage them to do something great with their summers. Every year since I have been on the committee I hear students tell me they had never heard of SURE, had no idea they qualified, had no clue what they could possibly research, did not see the poster, etc. The committee will work on the posters, but you have to do the rest. Tell your upper level classes, advisees and promising students about SURE. Let them know it is not just for science majors (although we want lots of them too).

This year, the application deadline for both SURE and SURCAS is March 10. Please help us out by letting your students know. If you don't know much about the SURE grants, and are too embarrassed to ask, just go to <http://www.stetson.edu/sure/>. More on SURCAS can be obtained at <http://www.stetson.edu/usapd/>.

From: Kimberly Reiter, SURCAS Committee

VALUES COUNCIL BOOK FEAST: 'Why Globalization Works.' The first Values Council book feast this semester on the theme of "Global Citizenship" will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building. One in a series of pro/con discussions, participants will consider "Why Globalization Works" (Yale University Press, 2004) by economic journalist Martin Wolf. At the time of publication Wolf was associate editor and chief economics commentator at the *Financial Times* in London. He was formerly a senior economist at the World Bank's division for international trade.

Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, noted, "This brilliant book should be read by anyone who cares about the future of the developing world – that is, anyone who cares about the future. Wolf's book will be the definitive statement of the case for market-based globalization."

Mervyn King, governor of the Bank of England, adds, "Wolf provides not just a devastating intellectual critique of the opponents of globalization, but a civilized, wise and optimistic view of our economic and political future. It is vital that his message be widely read and understood."

In "Why Globalization Works," Wolf argues for the precedence of the global market economy and posits that global citizenship can only be gained if the income of the poor is raised to a reasonable level to sustain human life. Furthermore, Wolf presents a vast amount of statistical material to readers in a way that is clear and concise. He asks and answers three key questions: 1) Why a Global Market Economy Makes Sense; 2) Why There is Too Little Globalization; and 3) Why the Critics are Wrong. Overall, he makes the case for economic stability for the poor and the benefits of an open market economy, which will enable global citizenship to progress further than ever before.

Book feasts are open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 13, and pick up a free book by the end of the day. (A limited number of free copies are available. If you have the book or purchase it, you are welcome to register for the feast as well.) By receiving a free book, participants promise to read it in advance and attend the book feast. No-shows who received a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year. Entire classes are encouraged to participate. If attendance is a course requirement, students must purchase the book (or books).

From: Donald Musser

CONGRATULATIONS TO FACULTY WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED SABBATICALS IN 2008-2009.Fall 2008

William Andrews, Associate Professor of Management
Toni Blum, Associate Professor of Psychology
Joel Davis, Assistant Professor of English, pending tenure
Debbi Dinkins, Associate Professor of Library
David Dysart, Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures
Susan Peppers-Bates, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Kathy Piechura-Couture, Associate Professor of Teacher Education
Bob Sitler, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures

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Shawnrece Campbell, Assistant Professor of English, pending tenure
Hala ElAarag, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, pending tenure
Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry
Ron Hall, Professor of Philosophy
Peter Heine, Associate Professor of Management
Gene Huskey, Professor of Political Science
Camille King, Associate Professor of Psychology
Laura Kirkland, Associate Professor of Library
Andrew Larson, Assistant Professor of Music, pending tenure
Peter May, Professor of Biology
Stephen Ng, Assistant Professor of Music, pending tenure
John Pearson, Professor of English
Elisabeth Poeter, Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures
Ranjini Thaver, Associate Professor of Economics

Full Year

Boyd Jones, Professor of Music
Alicia Schultheis, Assistant Professor of Biology, pending tenure

CONGRATULATIONS TO FACULTY WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED 2008 SUMMER GRANTS.Half Grants

Yves Clemmen, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures
Joel Davis, Assistant Professor of English
Missy Gibbs, Associate Professor of Biology
Alan Raines, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities

Full Grants

Tom Farrell, Professor of English
Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, Associate Professor of Sociology & Anthropology
Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry
Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English
Andrew Larson, Assistant Professor of Music
Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies
Bill Nylen, Professor of Political Science
Dan Plante, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Steve Robinson, Professor of Music
Alicia Schultheis, Assistant Professor of Biology
Nancy Vosburg, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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.**

February 1: Guest Recital – Charles West, clarinet
February 8: Faculty/Alumnus/Recital – Ernest Murphy, countertenor; Stephen Robinson, guitar
February 10: University Symphonic Band – Sousa Concert, Bobby Adams, conductor
3:00 pm News-Journal Center, Daytona Beach
February 12: Music by Black Composers
February 15: Cellobration – David Bjella, director

From: Kathleen Loftus

THE STETSON UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR is now receiving new members (ages 9-15). Children of Stetson faculty are especially welcome. Please contact Claudia Gatewood, Director of the Community School of the Arts, for information (822-8962; cgatewoo@stetson.edu).

From: Ann Small, School of Music

PACKED: *Portable Views of Varied Terrain*, an exhibition concerned with travel, exchange, conflict, borders, and storytelling, is on display in the Duncan Gallery of Art from Friday, February 1 through Thursday, February 28. The exhibition features artists from Argentina, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States and is curated by Sean Miller in collaboration with Matthew Lennon and Sean Taylor.

Gallery hours are Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 – 4: p.m. There is no admission charge.

The opening reception on Friday, February 15, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. is free and open to the public.

Running concurrently with the exhibition is **Kimono Poems and Japanese Woodcuts**, a display in the Sampson Hall Foyer Gallery that features eight color woodcuts from the *Tale of Genji* series by the respected 18th-19th century Japanese artist Kunisada. Part of the Stetson Permanent Art Collection, these works are featured in conjunction with a recent poetry reading given by **Dr. Terri Witek**, Professor of English, whose Kimono poems are on view along with, and complimenting, the selected prints.

For further information on these exhibits, call 386-822-7266.

From: Chris Nelson

MISCELLANEOUS

NEEDED TO BORROW: ONE CRIB AND ONE YOUTH BED for Freiburg guests staying in guest housing, February 25 – March 5, 2008. Please contact Judy Ward (x 7010 or jward@stetson.edu) if you can help. Thanks!

From: Judy Ward

QUAINT BUNGALOW FOR RENT. 201 E. Stetson Street. 2 bedrooms/1 bath; closed-in Florida room; large walk-up attic for storage; laundry room w/ washer & dryer; roofed & screened front porch; detached garage; fireplace; central air & heat; walking distance to Stetson. \$875/month. Rent includes utilities (electric; water; trash disposal; sewer). Maximum 2 persons, no pets, no students please. Available immediately. Call John Wilton, 386-956-2737 or email: jwilton@stetson.edu.

From: Nancy Wilton

AU PAIR AVAILABLE IN AUGUST. The daughter of an exchange professor from Freiburg, Holger Rudloff, is looking for a chance to work with a family as an au pair. Sigrid Rudloff attended school in DeLand during the family's stay, her English is superb, she knows and loves DeLand, and she is a delightful and dependable young lady--and kid approved: my kids remember her; she was a lot of fun!. She would be available for half a year beginning in August. If interested, please email her for more information at: S-Rudloff@gmx.de.

From: Paul Croce

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Matt Roberts, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, had a review of his work "Transfers" included in the *Body, Space & Technology Journal*, Volume 7, Number 1, <http://people.brunel.ac.uk/bst/vol0701/home.html>, published in association with the School of Arts at Brunel University, London UK.

MPG: Mobile Performance Group, under the direction of Matt Roberts, was invited to perform at the Fountain Art Fair, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL (December 2007).

From: Matt Roberts

Ms. Barbara Costello, Government Documents Librarian and Associate Professor, has had her article, "Moving in the Right Direction: Developments in the Online Availability of Full-Text Congressional Committee Hearing Transcripts," published in *Government Information Quarterly* (2008).

From: Susan Ryan

Dr. Rebecca Watts, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, reports that her book *Contemporary Southern Identity: Community through Controversy*, published by the University Press of Mississippi, was released on Dec. 1, 2007.

Her chapter on "The Florida Gator Nation Online" has been accepted for inclusion in the book, *Media and Mediated Sports Fans*, edited by Lawrence W. Hugenburg of Kent State University and to be published by McFarland and Company.

Her review of *Paul Ricoeur: Tradition and Innovation in Rhetorical Theory* (by Andreea Deciu Ritivoi), appears in the *Review of Communication* 8.1 (January 2008).

From: Becky Watts

Dr. Mike Bitter, Professor of Accounting, presented a paper co-authored with Dr. Laurie Henry (Old Dominion University) entitled "The Virginia Beach, Virginia School District Deficit of 1995: Evaluating Internal Control and Identify Risks" at the 2008 American Accounting Association Auditing Section Midyear Conference on January 19, 2008. Bitter also discussed a paper by F. Todd DeZoort (University of Alabama) and Paul Harrison (Wichita State University) entitled "The Effects of Fraud Type and Accountability Pressure on Auditor Fraud Detection Responsibility and Brainstorming Performance" at the meeting. The Auditing Midyear Conference is the premier national conference for auditing.

From: Mike Bitter

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, January 25, 2008
Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, January 25, 2008, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. and called upon Dr. John Tichenor, Director of Institutional Research and University Registrar, who briefed the faculty on the status and process for our reaccreditation with SACS. Faculty received a handout depicting the projected timeline and Dr. Tichenor expressed the need to document both how we meet our stated outcomes and goals and how we use assessments to improve our programs. A notable change in the reaffirmation process is the requirement to submit a compliance certification (ours is due in December 2010) that is then reviewed offsite. The other major change eliminates the requirement of responding to 470 "must" statements, and instead requires a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for a specific issue that has a broad impact on the campus.

Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, reported a drop in spring enrollment, but the final figures will not be available until the census date on January 29, 2008. Once there is an accurate count, the discount rate will be calculated to determine revenue implications that will impact the budget, and assessments will be conducted to determine the reasons why students did not return. Ms. Thompson shared news of the significant increase in inquiries and in applications received compared to this time last year, but she also reported that fall enrollment will be seriously affected by the proposed reduction/elimination of FRAG and by the recession, making it difficult to predict the expected enrollment. In response to the larger number of accepted students, Accepted Student Preview Day will need to be held on two separate dates this spring, most likely on a Saturday/Sunday.

Ms. Thompson introduced to faculty Anthony Buono, Director of Residential Life and Fraternity & Sorority Affairs (B.A., M.A., University of Scranton) and Thad H. Joseph, Director of Student Judicial Affairs (B.A., University of South Florida; J.D., Florida Coastal School of Law). In response to the tragic loss of Scott Miller, Ms. Thompson reminded faculty about resources available through the Counseling Center and asked that they contact Cheryl Hammock, Director, with any questions about the referral procedure outlined in the booklet made available to them. She also reported on the University's response and ongoing investigation into the bias-related incident that occurred in Residence Hall A last semester. As a result of the incident, a new "no tolerance" policy is being approved for implementation. Faculty suggested that there needs to be a source of official information from the University about such events so they don't have to rely on what is reported in local newspapers or in *The Reporter*.

Dr. Lee then reported on discussions from the January 18 Trustee Executive and Finance Committee meetings in which the Board of Trustees expressed the belief that the economy is in a serious recession. Board members rejected the proposed 2008-2009 budget and directed that 2008-2009 tuition increases could not exceed 5%. Furthermore, the 2008 spring budget must be adjusted based on actual spring enrollment, and the imbalance of having 60% of the budget devoted to compensation and benefits must be resolved within the next three budget cycles. Actual figures for spring enrollment are still needed before the budget can be analyzed and Dr. Lee hopes to provide weekly updates through the Vice Presidents and Deans especially regarding which, if any, of the open positions will be put on hold.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty

Faculty Senate Meeting December 3, 2007
Regular Meeting, Chair Michael McFarland Presiding

Attending: Stuart Michelson (Senate Secretary) (Business), Michael McFarland (Senate Chair) (A&S At-large), Michael Branton (Senate Vice-Chair) (University At-large), Jesus Alfonzo (Music), Shawnrece Campbell (A&S At-large), Jane Christeson (Music), Patrick Coggins (Education), Richard Copeland (Business), Manuel de Murga (Music), Andy Dehnart (Lecturers/Adjuncts), Jennifer Foo (Business), Tandy Grubbs (Natural Sciences), Jamil Khader (University At-large), Megan O'Neill (University At-large), John Pearson (A&S At-large), Susan Peppers-Bates (Humanities), Mollie Rich (Emeritus), Bob Sitler (A&S At-large)

Guests: Andrew Glasnovich, Christina Schafer, and Karen Cole

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair McFarland.
2. Glasnovich and Schafer presented the Student Senate proposal on making course syllabi available to students to review before taking courses. Suggestions included collecting and archiving the syllabi at the library or posting the syllabi on BlackBoard. Concerns were expressed about students looking at past syllabi to make decisions about future course offerings. Since faculty normally change their syllabi from one semester to the next, students may complain that the current course syllabi is different than the one they reviewed and expected. Many times the course syllabi need to be presented and explained to be fully understood. All published syllabi would need a disclaimer indicating that "this is a previous syllabi and no guarantee that future courses will be the same." Post syllabi on BlackBoard or the intranet to assure the syllabi are only available to Stetson students. Motion that the Faculty Senate supports SGA's concept of the recommendation of posting syllabi, in a non-contractual manner, after SGA returns with further details on the mechanics of the system. Coggins/Dehnart (motion/second). Passes unanimously.

Galsnovich and Cole presented the Student Senate resolution that would change the University Bulletin to state that "students are able to add classes after the one week add/drop period currently published in the academic calendar with the permission of the appropriate dean and professor(s)." Motion that Faculty Senate agrees to support this revision. (Branton/Dehnart, motion/second). Passes unanimously.

3. Discussion of university tutoring availability and the need for more tutoring. O'Neill presented a summary of tutoring availability by various departments and how the programs are funded. She also presented a number of suggestions and questions prepared by the Senate Education Policies Committee. Karen Cole provided more detail on the program. Most of the tutoring programs are funded by work/study, which is necessary to provide adequate support. She said that we need to rethink the budget and support needs with respect to providing additional tutoring. There may be more need for specialized trained tutors that aren't available through work/study, which would require additional funding. It was suggested that since we have a number of retired people that have the expertise, they may be interested and willing to assist with tutoring. In order to obtain additional support it would be beneficial to determine and quantify the tutoring needs. Stated that this should be the university's responsibility to support students that are admitted that don't have

the study and/or academic skills to succeed. How can the university more efficiently use our resources to assure students academic success? Motion that the University Academic Resources Center in conjunction with the Senate Education Policies Committee assess the current tutoring situation and bring recommendations back to the Faculty Senate. (Copeland/Rich, motion/second) Approved unanimously. (with amendment from Michelson)

4. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2007 meeting. (O'Neill/Foo, motion/second). Approved unanimously.

5. Committee Reports:

- Athletic Committee, Tandy Grubbs presented a report from the committee. Net tuition revenue for student athletes surpassed budget and improved over 2006 (discount was lower). Student athlete graduation rates were lower than for entire student body and the men's graduation rate was lower over the previous period (and lower than women). Mean GPA of student athletes compares very favorably with the entire student body.
- Benefits Committee (Michelson). Committee met at Celebration to discuss and refine the TIAA contribution plan. Details should be announced after the February Trustee's meeting.

6. Motion to adjourn (Copeland/Coggins). Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Michelson.