

THE NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 7, 2008

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday, November 26	No Classes
Thursday, Friday, November 27-28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday, December 3	Classes End
Thursday, December 4	Reading Day
Friday-Thursday, December 5-11	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Thursday, December 11	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 12	Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement 10:00 a.m.
	Residence Halls close 3:00 p.m. for ALL STUDENTS
Thursday, December 18	All Grades Due to Registrar by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SCHEDULED TO MEET FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2008, are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

University Faculty Meeting dates for 2008-2009 are as follow:

November 7, 2008	(Friday)	CANCELLED	
NO MEETING SCHEDULED for December			
January 23, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 13, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 27, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 17, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2008, are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

CHOLESTEROL RESEARCH PROGRAM. The Integrative Health Science Department is conducting a research experiment on supplementation and cholesterol. They are seeking individuals with borderline high cholesterol who are not currently taking medication or dietary supplements to control cholesterol levels. If you think you may have high cholesterol values and are not currently taking medication, contact Guenevere Rae, IHS lab manager, at grae@stetson.edu or 386-822-8121 for an appointment to receive a free cholesterol screening.

From: Guenevere Rae

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HOWARD THURMAN LECTURE SERIES. Jabari Asim will give a lecture titled: "The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, and Why" November 18, 2008 in the Stetson Room.

From: Leonard Nance

STETSON SHARES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2008. Stetson Shares Thanksgiving invites all of the Stetson Community to join in this community service opportunity. In these hard economic times there are many hungry mouths to feed but Stetson Shares Thanksgiving can really make a difference.

Bags for this years Thanksgiving food drive can be picked up from Linda Grooms lgrooms@stetson.edu Ext. 7184, Donna Nassick dnassck@stetson.edu Ext. 8923, or Denise Vega dvega@stetson.edu Ext. 7058. Please fill bags with supplies for a Thanksgiving dinner for five (required items are on a list distributed with the bags); anyone who would rather purchase a basket to fill this year is welcome to do so.

Bags filled by faculty and staff can be delivered to the Library on Thursday, November 6th or Friday November 7th for delivery to Big Brother/Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, November 8th.

From: Donna Nassick

19TH JURIED STETSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT ART EXHIBITION OPENS. Beginning with a reception at 6 pm and an awards ceremony at 7 pm, the much-anticipated annual student art exhibition will officially open on Friday, November 14th in Sampson Hall/Duncan Gallery of Art. Each year over one hundred entries are up for review by a panel of art faculty jurors, roughly one half of which are accepted for exhibition. This exciting event is free and open to the Stetson community and the general public. The exhibition is open Mon-Fri 10 am – 4 pm and on Sundays 1-4 pm. The gallery will be closed during the Thanksgiving break, November 26-30. Closing date is December 3. For further information, call the Art Department at 386-822-7266.

From: Chris Nelson

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.**

November 4: Brass Ensembles

November 7: Chamber Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor

November 11: Jazz Combos – George West, director

November 15: Southern Winds Roll of Distinction Concert – Bobby Adams, conductor

November 16: University Symphonic Band Hall of Fame Concert – Bobby Adams, conductor; **4:00 p.m.**

November 16: Percussion Ensembles – Kevin Garry, director; **8:00 p.m.**

November 18: Guitar Ensembles – Stephen Robinson, director

From: Kathleen Loftus

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Stephen Robinson, Professor of Music, announces his new CD, *Decoupage*, has been released, <http://www.clearnote.net/Decoupage.html> and his web site <http://stephenrobinsonguitar.com> has been updated. Additionally, Dr. Robinson performed a recital on November 1st at Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine.

From: Stephen Robinson

Ms. Gail Radley, Lecturer in English, had an article published in the Oct./Nov. edition of *Reading Today*, a newspaper published by the International Reading Association (I.R.A.). The article, "Literacy and Propaganda" discusses the persecution of Baha'i schoolchildren in Iran.

On September 21, Ms. Radley gave a talk, "The Baha'i Faith, One Universal Cause, One Common Faith" at the Science of the Mind Church in Daytona Beach.

From Gail Radley

Dr. Rebecca Watts, Lecturer in Communication Studies, had her book chapter "Locating the Lost Boys: Sudanese Refugees Adrift in Mainstream America," accepted for inclusion in *Mediated Boyhood: Boys, Teens, and Tweens in Popular Media and Culture*, edited by Annette Wannamaker, to be published by Peter Lang.

Dr. Watts book chapter "The Florida Gator Nation Online," was published in *Sports Mania: Essays on Fandom and the Media in the 21st Century*, edited by Lawrence W. Hugenburg, Paul M. Haridakis, and Adam C. Earnhardt. Jefferson, NC: McFarland and Company Publishers, 2008.

Dr. Watts was an organizer/participant/chair of panel, "Communicating Change to the Southern Condition: Contemporary Research in Southern Rhetoric and Public Address," Public Address Division. She presented her paper, "Contemporary Southern Identity: Creating Regional Community through Public Controversies," at the Southern States Communication Association, April 2008, Savannah, GA.

Dr. Watts was an organizer/respondent/chair of panel, "Communicating Change to the Southern Condition: Rethinking Popular Media Portrayals of Southerners," Popular Communication Division, at the Southern States Communication Association, April 2008, Savannah, GA.

In addition, Heather Martyn, a December 2007 graduate and Summer 2007 SURE grant recipient, presented her paper, "'Not in Our Town:' Public Controversies Over the Presence of Wal-Mart in Florida Communities," at the Theodore

Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference at the Southern States Communication Association, April 2008, Savannah, GA.

From: Rebecca Watts

Dr. Jennifer Foo, Professor of Finance, has been awarded a second Fulbright grant to Poland as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland over winter break 2008. Dr. Foo's first Fulbright Lecturer grant was to Leon Kominsky Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management in Poland, 2004.

From: Jennifer Foo

Dr. Emily Mieras, Associate Professor of American Studies, presented a paper titled "College Students, Social Responsibility, and Settlement House Work In the Progressive Era United States," at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 18, 2008. The paper was part of a panel studying the intersection between Progressive Era settlement house work and Jane Addams' concept of cosmopolitan humanitarianism.

From: Emily Mieras

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2008

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met on Friday, October 17, 2008, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. Grady Ballenger, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and called upon Dr. Lynn Musco, Chair of the Admissions Committee, to report on the status of the SAT optional initiative. Dr. Musco shared that other institutions began modifying their admissions standards four years ago, and Stetson has been studying the issue since Fall 2006. Blind studies have been done of students at Stetson who were accepted without regard to SAT scores, and the Admissions Committee is still determining how successful such a practice would be for us, especially given the intense labor required to fully evaluate students without considering their SAT results. The Admissions Committee will discuss the issue with the Council of Deans and Senate Exec in November.

Dr. John Tichenor, Director of Institutional Research and University Registrar, then shared the recent NSSE and FSSE results that will soon be posted to the IRO website (<http://www2.stetson.edu/iro/>).

Dr. Michael Branton, Chair of Faculty Senate, called upon Dr. Janis Kindred to discuss concerns about the academic calendars, in general to include a return to active faculty participation in establishing the calendar, and in particular to propose a change to the draft Fall 09 calendar. As the proposed calendar currently stands, final exams are scheduled during the dates of proposed Christmas Concerts which would make it difficult for student performers. The Senate Executive Committee will create a task force to draft a revised calendar for 2009-2010 within the next two weeks and to begin work on long range calendars.

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

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

October 13, 2008

Regular meeting

Chair Michael Branton Presiding

Minutes

Attending: Stuart Michelson (Senate Secretary) (Business), Michael Branton (Senate Chair) (University At-large), Jesus Alfonzo (Music), Shawnrece Campbell (A&S At-Large), Jane Christeson (Music), Patrick Coggins (Education), Richard Copeland (Business), Andy Dehnart (Lecturers), Diane Everett (A&S At-Large), Kimberly Flinthamilton (A&S Social Sciences), Jennifer Foo (Business), Tandy Grubbs (Natural Sciences), Sims Kline (Library), Lloyd Linney (Music), Cyriaco Lopes (Humanities), Michael McFarland (A&S At-large), Megan O'Neill (University At-large), John Pearson (A&S At-large), Mitchell Reddish (University At-Large), Mollie Rich (Emeritus)

Guests: Nestor de Armas, Noel Painter, John Schorr

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair Branton.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion for approval by Coggins/O'Neill (motion/second). Approved unanimously.
3. Nestor de Armas briefly updated the Senate on the presidential search. Mr. de Armas described the faculty search committee that needs to be selected as discussed at the recent faculty meeting. Noel provided additional information on the committee process. The selection process will be determined by the Faculty Senate. The search process needs to be totally confidential. The members of the faculty committee must be forwarded to Mr. de Armas by Friday. At the university faculty meeting, it was the will of the faculty to nominate faculty and to ensure diversity of faculty on the search committee. A number of selection processes were discussed by Senators. The Senate recommended that the committee be composed of approximately 60% Senators and 40% from faculty at-large. The Senate Exec will determine the composition of the remaining 40% and will diligently work to ensure diversity of faculty.
4. Senate response to the draft faculty workload policy documents from COD. Chair Branton distributed a two-page response written by Senate Exec for discussion. Motion to endorse the draft document as presented; McFarland/Christeson (motion/second). Approved unanimously. (with the modifications suggested)
5. White Paper Interim Reports. Presented by: Shawnrece Campbell, Megan O'Neill, Andy Dehnart, Diane Everett, and Sims Kline. The Senate commends the subcommittees for the impressive work completed on the reports during such a short amount of time.
6. Motion for adjournment by Coggins/Grubbs (motion/second). Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stuart Michelson, Senate Secretary 