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Provost Appointment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty for their support and confidence as I move into the Provost role. Since February, we have made great strides in professional development, communication, and in our overall vision of moving forward. My commitment to the success of the faculty and students at FSW is the same as it was when I began in the interim role, Fall semester continues with the 3rd highest enrollment at the College and the work in Academic Affairs continues in a number of areas including the ad-hoc committees for Research and Commencement. Soon we will have an ad-hoc committee for textbook affordability and we will begin reviewing the Department Chair structure and looking at a system for rank and promotion of faculty. I am excited about the work that faculty are doing with students and in their fields of study. If there is anything that I can do to assist, please let me know. Thank you again!

Sabbatical Update

Since the 2016-2019 CNA is awaiting approval by the BOT at the November meeting, I have asked the Faculty Senate to support the delay in accepting sabbatical applications until after the official sign off by the BOT. When we have approval, my office will send out the sabbatical application for the 2017-2018 academic year. The submission deadline is January 10, 2017. The Sabbatical Committee will complete the review of applications by the end of January. We will send out all of the specific dates in one email. If you have questions, please let me know.

Western Michigan University Partnership

This month, FSW officially announced our partnership with Western Michigan University (WMU) to bring new degree programs to include an aviation program to our Charlotte Campus and the Punta Gorda community. We are very excited to begin this new journey with WMU.

The Year Without Summer

ArtSPEAK@FSW held its first interdisciplinary forum on Oct. 8. Artist Keith Edmier, archeologist Dr. Karen Holmberg, and FSW English Professor Marty Ambrose discussed how the eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia in 1816 and the changes in global climate that followed influenced art and Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein." We look forward to future ArtSPEAK events.

Black Maria Film Festival

Congratulations to Dr. Wendy Chase and the Honors Scholar Program students for bringing the Black Maria Film Festival back to FSW on Oct. 22. Honors Scholar Program students London Taylor, Michael Berube, Denise Ruiz, Franklin de la Cruz Gomez, Lorena Larrabure-Weinburg, Amanda King, Danifer Quinones, and Dahlia Flores planned, selected the films and led audience discussions.

Dr. Marc Edwards and Paragon Springs

Thanks to the great work of Stuart Brown, theater professor, and the FSW Theater program, the college will welcome Dr. Marc Edwards for a series of events on Nov. 2 and 3. Dr. Edwards is known as the hero of the Flint water crisis after bringing to light the contaminated drinking water.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., Dr. Edwards will speak about his work in Washington D.C. and Flint, in the Rush Auditorium (J-103). This talk is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m., Dr. Edwards will participate in the "Difficult Dialogue" series with FSW students and honors faculty in Rush Auditorium.

Dr. Edwards will also participate in a post-show "talk back" on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the FSW Black Box Theatre, Building L-119b following the 8 p.m. opening performance of the Theater Program's fall production, *Paragon Springs* by Steven Dietz. Purchase tickets for the fall production at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Rush Library Speaker Series

In acknowledgment of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, FSW Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety Rick Parfitt, M.A., served as a guest lecturer for the Rush Library Speaker Series on Oct. 19. Chief Parfitt, who has worked in law enforcement in Pennsylvania and Florida for nearly forty years, discussed his experience dealing with domestic violence cases, as well as the widespread effects of domestic violence on victims, survivors, perpetrators, law officers, and the community.

Art as Activism: Emerging Writers Symposium

Congratulations to Professor Jill Hummel, Professor Ihasha Horn the *FSW Writes* committee, the Creative Writing Club and the members of Phi Theta Kappa (Omicron Epsilon chapter) for the success of the Emerging Writers Symposium. The event included readings and workshops with notable authors and activists Dr. Michelle Hayford, Umi Selah, Aja Monet, and Jeffery S. Markovitz.

Academic Affairs Accolades

Our Radiologic Technology program was recently recognized as a Top Radiology Technician Programs for 2016 by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org. Congratulations to James Mayhew, program director, Coleen Kubetschek, clinical coordinator, and Nancy Costello, clinical coordinator, for their accomplishment.

The Charlotte Campus Nursing faculty and Clinical Coordinator Barbara Kilbride, RN, MHS, recently led a simulation education scenario safety drill at Bayfront Port Charlotte, providing continuing education to our regional healthcare professionals.

Mary Conwell, J.D., coordinator of A.S. Paralegal Studies Program, recently served on the planning committee and attended the national conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) in San Antonio, Texas.

Many thanks to Professor Don Ransford and the General Education Advisory Council for continued implementation of the "Meeting of the Minds" workshop series in support of the General Education Program. Thanks to Dr. Brian Page, Dr. Rebecca Harris, Dr. Wendy Chase, Professor Jane Charles, Professor Ransford, and Dr. Eileen DeLuca for their recent workshops.

Provost Communications

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