

School of Business & Technology Department Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1 – 4 PM

	Present	Absent	Excused
Administration			
Dr. Debbie Psihountas, Dean	X		
Jennifer Baker, Associate Dean	X		
Department Chairs			
Dr. Mary Conwell	X		
Dr. Mary Myers	X		
Dr. Jennifer Patterson	X		
Dr. Richard Worch	X		
Faculty			
Krissy Cabral	X		
Alisa Callahan	X		
Dr. Matthew Hoffman	X		
Dr. Deborah Johnson			X
Dr. George Kodsey	X		
Dr. Tim Lucas	X		
Dr. Melinda Lyles	X		
Michael Nisson	X		
John Montoya	X		
Dr. Anita Rose	X		
Dr. Martin Tawil	X		
William VanGlabek	X		
Dr. Roger Webster	X		

	Present	Absent	Excused
Staff			
Jessica Barnett	X		
Judy Dantes	X		
Jill De Valk	X		
Lisa Dick	X		
Al Nault	X		
Christopher Renda	X		
Caroline Siefert	X		
Other Staff			
Adjunct Faculty			
Munir Al-Suleh	X		
Kerry Cramer	X		
Mary Edwards	X		
Michele Gatto	X		
Janet Harvey	X		
David Hoffman	X		
Robert Knott	X		
Michael Kohl	X		
Chris Marcin	X		
Jorge Mastrapa	X		
Barbara Peat	X		
Barb Perrine	X		
Miguel Rivera	X		
Michael Rubbinaccio	X		
George Russell	X		
Elizabeth Schott	X		
Richard Speziale	X		
Sara Stelfox	X		
Guests			

Welcome and Recognition: Dr. Psihountas, Dean of the School of Business and Technology welcomed all back. This year’s theme will be “Building from Disruption”.

Introductions of New Full-Time Faculty: Dr. Lyles debuted at FSW last fall as visiting faculty and was hired in a committee process last spring in the Computer Programs. Dr. Martin Tawil was hired in the Accounting programs. He previously had been a professor in the First Year Experience program and is currently the President of the Faculty Senate. John Montoya was recently hired as full-time professor for the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Programs. A big welcome to all of our new adjunct faculty.

Student Success Initiatives:

- The first graduates of the Risk Management Insurance program completed their courses in the Spring semester and have received their 3 licenses from the State of Florida. Two of the students found great jobs with one already requesting interns from FSW. We are offering the program in Collier this fall semester.
- **MAN 4723 Session B – GLO BUS Simulation**
The competition included 429 teams from 46 colleges and universities world-wide. FSW's B J-Peg team ranked first place in the "Stock Price" category in the last three weeks of the simulation. They ended the game with the highest stock price of \$905 beating the second-place team by \$145. They also won the highest earnings per share category with at \$33.27 beating the second-place team by \$4.57.
The A-Eagle Eyes Inc. team ranked first place in the "overall Game-to-Date" category two years in a row.
- Received great feedback from Tyrone Humbles, a non-traditional, former military, student who graduated in May from our BAS in Supervision and Management. You can view his video testimony on the FSW website under FSW Student and Alumni Success Stories.

Financial Success:

- The Florida Association of Insurance Agents are funding another scholarship for FSW RMI students. They will pay for the second RMI course for students who have successfully completed the first of three courses.
- FSW was awarded \$150,000 from the Schulze Foundation to be used on certificates by December 2020. SoBT has been allocated \$50,000 most of which was spent in the spring and summer terms. We are hoping to increase our allocation since we have been the most successful School at FSW so far with these funds.

SoBT Department Updates:

- Covid-19 – Masks have been placed in the faculty mailrooms. Please take a few extra to class in case a student does not have one. If a student refuses to wear a face covering, you may ask them to leave class. Hand sanitizer and wipes are in classrooms for students to use in their work space.
- Last year Dr. Psihountas and Associate Dean, Jennifer Baker visited over 90% of classes in the first few weeks of school to meet our students. Due to Covid-19, they will be happy to join the classes through Zoom. This meeting would only take 10 minutes of the class time and speaks volumes that SoBT is interested in their students and also helps to engage with students.
- SoBT had to cancel the third Dean Speaker Series this past spring semester due to Covid-19. Dr. Psihountas is hoping to reschedule the speaker later this year.
- Also, the third job fair was canceled and we are exploring the possibility of a virtual option this fall.
- The SoBT advisors contacted students personally this summer which has helped our enrollment tremendously
- Instructional Assistant Judy Dantes tutored students by phone, zoom, and some meetings.

Chair reports:

- **Dr. Mary Conwell, Paralegal Studies, Architecture, Construction and Engineering Technologies**
Warm welcome to John Montoya, new full-time professor for the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Programs. The Paralegal program has two certificates available for students, the real estate paralegal certificate and an electronic discovery certificate offered in the Law Office Management course this fall. The Schulze scholarship will be funding the e-discovery certificate for the students. They are also looking into offering an AutoCad certificate for the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering programs. Professor Conwell has been appointed by the American Bar Association for their Committee on the approval of paralegal programs, working on analyzing compliance for approval standards.
- **Dr. Mary Myers, Computer Science**
Dr. Myers recognized that Dr. Webster wrote a new app over the summer and Melinda Lyles finished her doctorate. A thank you to Jennifer and the advisory team for the tremendous amount of work done this summer. Dr. Psihountas added that Dr. Myers and Dr. Lyles both completed an IBM badge and cyber security certification this summer. These are the short-term credentials we are looking to offer our students.
- **Dr. Jennifer Patterson, Business and Accounting**
The Business programs are working on possible new AS degrees. Also, send any suggestions for updating general education competencies.

- **Dr. Richard Worch, Criminal Justice, Crime Scene and Public Safety Administration**

Dr. Worch mentioned that we have introduced different ways to deliver our courses in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Administration. There are new FSW rules that we will need to complete the new live online certification for professors to be able to teach online in the spring semester. Professors will now need the Online Certification and the new Live Online certification, which you can complete with the Blooming with Zoom course. If you are not signed up for the course yet, please make sure to enroll soon.

Associate Dean Updates:

- **Jennifer Baker, Associate Dean:** - Judy Dantes will be tutoring in computing and for the Accounting for Non-accounting Majors course. She will be available from nine to four and also has some virtual hours available. Jennifer will send the professors a PDF to upload to their Canvas shells. Jennifer also stated that she created a folder in the SoBT shared drive for Chairs to submit the syllabi in their areas. Depending on student traffic, the advisors may be returning to campus in split shifts for perhaps the first couple of weeks of school.

Dr. Psihountas thanked all for participating and the meeting was adjourned to the program-specific breakout meetings.

Meeting minutes interpreted and reported by Jill De Valk