From the Provost

**FALL 2022: Student Course Surveys (MOD C):** For those teaching Mod C courses, the survey period starts Monday, November 7th and ends Monday, November 14. See 11/2 email from Academic Affairs for full details

**Academic Advising**

**IC and Advising Resources:** Below is information that will be useful in your work to support students. We are continuing to roll out the Integrations Curriculum, now in year three, and there have been recent adjustments made to increase flexibility and improve how students experience the curriculum. A detailed summary of those recent changes from the General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC) is attached.

Below you will find a consolidated list of Integrations Curriculum (IC) resources that have all been updated to reflect the most recent adjustments. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Karyl Daughters if you have questions or would like additional information.

1. Find attached a single sheet summary of the Integrations Curriculum, updated to reflect all of the recent adjustments. The flyer is meant for faculty, as a desktop resource while they are advising.
2. We recorded an IC information session on 10/6. You can watch that presentation [here](#).
3. Specific instructions for fulfilling the Artistic Engagement (AR/ARTE) requirement can be found [here](#).
4. GECC co-chair Emily Berg Paup created an [updated short video](#) that is geared toward students to help them understand and plan for the IC over their 4 years. It is a good resource for first and second year students ahead of advising sessions.
5. Academic Advising has updated their online resources to reflect the most recent adjustments to the IC
   - [Academic 4-year planning worksheet](#)
   - [Integrations curriculum planning notes](#)
   - Additionally, there are several other useful links at: [https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-advising](https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-advising)
Mastery Grading Workshops: Robert Campbell and Anne Sinko, are continuing their Implementing Mastery Grading series. This is a reminder about upcoming workshops on competency/standards based grading (see schedule below). Standards based grading (SBG) is a form of mastery grading typically used for assessing content knowledge. SBG refers to a broad category of mastery grading systems. The common theme of these systems is that a student's final grade is based entirely, or almost entirely, on demonstrating mastery of a list of objectives. Points and percentages are typically not used, or are used in very limited ways. Every assignment tests the student on one or more objectives, and each objective is assessed separately for mastery. When a student has demonstrated sufficient mastery of an objective (perhaps requiring a certain number of successful attempts, or success on an exam in addition to a homework assignment), the objective contributes towards the final grade. Final grades are based on the number and/or type of objectives that the student has mastered. The schedule for the remaining fall workshops is listed below, with most workshops being offered on both campuses and many occurring more than once.

If you are unfamiliar with Mastery Grading and would like to know more, we have this short clip: link There is a Teams page for faculty interested in connecting with other faculty considering these kinds of alternative assessment techniques. If you would like to be added to this Teams page, contact Anne Sinko or Robert Campbell.

Competency Based Grading/Standards Based Grading Workshop
- Tuesday, November 8th, 4pm in HAB 128A at CSB
- Thursday, November 10th, 11:15am in Learning Commons 391 at SJU
- Monday, November 14th, 2:10pm in Main 004 at CSB
- Wednesday, November 16th, 4pm in PENGL 232 at SJU

Nuts and Bolts Workshop
- Tuesday, November 29th, 4pm in HAB 128A at CSB
- Thursday, December 1st, 11:15am in Learning Commons 391 at SJU
- Monday, December 5th, 2:10pm in Main 004 at CSB
- Wednesday, December 7th, 4pm in PENGL 232 at SJU

Blending Mastery Grading Systems Workshop
- Wednesday, November 30th, 4pm in PENGL 232 at SJU
- Friday, December 2nd, 11:50am in Main 004 at CSB
- Tuesday, December 6th, 4pm in HAB 128A at CSB
- Thursday, December 8th, 11:15am in Learning Commons 391 at SJU

Small Group Analysis (SGA) consultations: As we move closer to the midpoint of the fall semester, the CTL would like to offer interested faculty members the opportunity to participate in Small Group Analysis (SGA) consultations. SGA’s are method of gathering anonymous feedback from students about what is helping them learn in your course and what modifications to the course might help them learn more effectively. This service is provided by the Center for Teaching, and is an excellent way to assess students’ response to your teaching mid-semester. Moreover, student feedback through SGA’s can be valuable in helping you improve and refine your teaching. For more information on SGA’s, see attached flyer. To schedule an SGA in your class email Laura Taylor, CTL Director at ltaylor@csbsju.edu.
Experience HUB

Office of Undergraduate Research
This semester marks the official one-year anniversary of the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS), providing a physical presence and increased access to our many undergraduate research programs and resources, competitive fellowships advising, and the new Pathways to Distinction program.

In celebration, the OURS is continuing a week of programming geared to connect students to opportunities with research and creative work, competitive fellowships, and Pathways to Distinction. If you’re part of a class or student group and could benefit from a presentation on any of our OURS programs and opportunities, you can request a presentation here. Questions about OURS Week can be directed to undergradresearch@csbsju.edu.

Research and Grants Office

Want to Shout Out your own achievements or raise up one of our colleagues? Tell us about a new publication or book, an award or recognition, the launch or culmination of a project, and/or other accomplishments that your colleagues should know about. Click here to Submit a Shout Out or find the link on the Research & Grants Office page: www.csbsju.edu/research-grants.

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate Meeting (4:30-6:00) Thursday, November 3, Upper Gorecki 204 CSB
- In-Person for Senators/ex officio members/presenters/any individuals wishing to speak
- Virtual for faculty/staff observers: https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/96321358151
Joint Faculty Assembly (4:30-6:00) Thursday, November 17  Zoom
https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/98269442900

See the email from the JFA Chair and Vice Chair on 8/22/22 for all meeting dates. For more information regarding these meetings watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu.

Information Technology

The Buzz on Campus

Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning lecture: “Christian Nationalism in America: Its History and Resurgence” presented by Charles R. Gallagher, Ph.D., at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, in Quad 263. A professor of history a Boston College and the author of Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten History of the Christian Front (Harvard University Press), Gallagher will summarize the history of explicitly Christian nationalist groups in America and discuss their influence on today’s far-right movements. See attached flyer

“Building” Community: Friday, November 4th 9:00 - 10:45 am Fireside Lounge/Main Building
Grab a quick bite or stay for as long as you like, we welcome all faculty, staff and monastics. "Building" community is free and brought to you by the Benedictine Institute.

More Information

Pride & Prejudice on stage: The Fine Arts Series presents Aquila Theatre’s production of Pride & Prejudice on Saturday, Nov 5, 7:30pm in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU. Prepare for Jane Austen’s famously pinpointed wit and social commentary to be brought to life as this extraordinary theater company highlights the hypocrisies and absurdities of strict gender and class norms. For tickets, visit the box office online 24/7 or by phone and in person Tuesday - Friday, 2:00 - 6:00pm.  More Information

Festival of Cultures Full Schedule – November 6 - 13
Multicultural Student Services invites students, staff, faculty, alums, and the public to a week-long community festival of music, entertainment, food, and culture. Festival of Cultures (FOC) celebrates and recognizes the diversity at CSB/SJU through student performances, student panels, and a fashion show. Make sure to follow us on Instagram @MSSCSBSJU and click "more information" for the full schedule. More Information

Lunch & Learn: The Saint John’s Bible – Monday, 11/7 11:30 am -12:30 pm SJU Quad 264
Tim Ternes, Director of The Saint John’s Bible at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, will share with you the richness of The Saint John’s Bible and how its Benedictine heritage shaped and formed every aspect of its creation.
Complimentary lunch provided by the Benedictine Institute. Registration is required and limited to the first 80 attendees. https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/registration

Welcome Award-Winning Author, DIANE WILSON: Public Reading & Conversation
Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 pm Upper Gorecki – CSB: The Literary Arts Institute presents author, speaker and editor, Diane Wilson to campus. Wilson’s novel The Seed Keeper follows a Dakota family’s struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most. This event carries an ARTE designation and Race/Ethnicity designation. More Information

Tiempo Libre in concert! Friday, November 11, 7:30pm in the SBH at SJU.
This 3-time Grammy nominated band has been lighting up stages across the globe for last 20 years. All classically trained at the rigorous music conservatory, La ENA, in Havana, they create an exhilarating blend of Cuban music unlike any you’ve heard before! Hailed as one of the hottest bands performing today, every Tiempo Libre concert is a celebration. More Information
Theo on Tap: The Vocation of Leadership - President Brian Bruess and Dr. Carol Bruess

Thursday, November 17  8:00 pm  Brother Willie's Pub: Mark your calendars for this AWESOME Theology on Tap conversation with CSB+SJU President Dr. Brian Bruess and Dr. Carol Bruess, a conversation on what it means to lead. Free snacks and beverages are provided. Drinks from the pub are available at a discounted rate for 21+

Do you have information for The Buzz? If you have information you would like included in The Buzz please submit to this link: The BUZZ information

The Buzz can be found on the Academic Affairs website under related links.
https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-affairs