

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost

Application for Innovation Fund: The purpose of the Innovation Fund for academic areas is to explore and launch initiatives aimed at increasing enrollment, identifying new revenue streams, or ways to reduce costs. Proposals must be for innovation, not for modification. That is, the proposal should be a significant advancement, not simply making an incremental change that would produce minimal outcomes. Some examples of innovative proposals could include development of a new academic program, curricular innovation, developing partnerships with other institutions, creation of new programs or revenue streams when classes are not in session (for example summer programs), or developing collaborations with community partnerships.

Funds can be used for stipends or course releases to develop the program, engaging with outside consultants or outside partnerships, to pilot or start up an initiative, and other relevant costs associated with your innovative proposal. The funds are not intended for ongoing projects or current programs or for capital investments or improvements.

This is your opportunity to think big and to get the funding to launch your ideas. If you have ideas and want to gather others who could partner with you, we will offer space in *The Buzz* for you to gather interest. Applications will be taken through <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/OMPXL2BOKI>. See complete email sent from Academic Affairs on 11/5/21

Academic Program Prioritization

Draft Operationalization of the Criteria: The Data Committee finalized the Draft Operationalization of the Criteria on November 8, 2021. The Draft Operationalization of the Criteria along with a framing document that explains the work of the committee was sent via the Academic Affairs email on 11/8. The documents are posted to the Academic Program Prioritization Canvas site, which is available to all faculty.

Data Committee Feedback Plan on the Draft Operationalization of the Criteria: Your comments and suggestions will help us improve the operationalization of the criteria. Please consider attending an open forum and working with your program to make sure your voice is heard.

Virtual Meetings:

- **November 11 4:30-5:30 pm**—JFA meeting with breakout rooms Zoom
Link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/91009327417>

- **November 18 4:30-5:30 pm**---Open forum Zoom Link:
<https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/98739193728?pwd=MWxzaxQvVnVhaW5PYkF4TkxMY29zZz09&from=addon>
- **November 22 12:00-1:00pm**---Open forum Zoom Link:
<https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/92576147127?pwd=MEZvZWllaWFmT0V5aU5WdXcybU1Vdz09&from=addon>

Structured Program Feedback: Department chairs and program directors will receive a forms manager link to upload the written comments from their program.

Feedback on Criterion 1: The Data Committee will request written comments from SCOLA on the draft operationalization of Criterion 1 (Mission).

From the Deans

Faculty Scholarship & Creative Work Applications for 2022-2023: Deadline Extended to 11/29 Looking for more time for your research, writing, and/or creative work? Apply for a 2022-2023 Scholarship & Creative Work Award! The application deadline has been extended to **Monday, November 29**. Visit the Research and Grants Office webpage for details, and reach out to Karlyn Forner, Grants Partner, with questions. <https://www.csbsju.edu/research-and-grants-office/supporting-research/scholarship-and-creative-work-awards> [More Information](#)

Invitation to join MLK Week planning committee: As we plan for 2022 MLK Week you are invited to join the MLK Week planning committee which will meet on Wednesdays, 5-6pm via Zoom, starting on Nov. 10. Please email Malik Stewart, mstewart@csbsju.edu, to be added to the Zoom invitation. [More Information](#) Meeting Dates: **Nov. 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8**

Disability Awareness Week Nov 29- Dec 3: The Multi-Cultural Center, ETL (Extending the Link), Accessibility Services and the GEND 377 Disability Justice class will be hosting a Disability Awareness Week **Nov 29 through Dec 3** on campus. We are recruiting community members (students, staff, faculty, monastery, and alum) who have a disability and want to share their story to challenge ableism in all its forms. Send Janelle Hinchley jhinchley@csbsju.edu us your name and contact information, and we will be in touch to tell you more about the event. For more information about Disability Awareness Week at CSB/SJU: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/HWNPY1FLMR>

Integrations Curriculum

Co-Curricular Events Change: The Integrations Advisory Board has decided to allow faculty the opportunity to select their own co-curricular events for Thematic Focus courses (events that address one of the three themes) and for CSD courses (the gender and race/ethnicity co-curricular events). At the end of this semester the list of Co-Curricular events will be removed from the Integrations website and faculty will be able to identify and share events to satisfy on their own. Artistic Engagement events will still require the existing approval process and a list of approved events will continue to be maintained on the website.

Faculty Advisors: if you are looking for some guidance in advising students in the Integrations Curriculum, check out the [Advising Resources page](#) on the Integrations website. This page has tutorials and links to other helpful resources to aid you and your students in the advising process.

College Success Course (INTG 105) Midterm Update from Dr. Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman: First year students have worked their way through eleven weeks of content in the College Success Course. They have been challenged to think through together and individually what academic success means at CSB/SJU, as well as reflect on how to balance their mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional needs (including how to seek out the many resources we have available to them should they need care). The course also has asked them to explore questions of community, inclusion, identity and belonging via various class projects and guest speakers. More recently, 105 instructors and peer mentors introduced key components and technology platforms integral to our campus' class registration process (including but not limited to the Integrations Curriculum). This is part of a concerted effort to partner with first-year faculty advisors and the Office of Academic Advising as we all seek to assist students in learning to take an active role in the course planning process. In short, it has been a busy yet productive semester helping the first-year class re-adjust to an in-person learning environment and succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment and thank all the 105 instructors and peer mentors for their work in mentoring and accompanying the Class of 2025 during this important time in their journey that only has just begun.

If you are interested in being part of the College Success Course team for Fall 2022, the application will be available as of **Wednesday, December 1st**. If you have questions or comments, please reach out Kari-Shane at KDavis@csbsju.edu.

Fall 2021 College Success Course: Instructor and Peer Mentor List

INTG 105 Instructor	INTG 105 Peer Mentor
Sucharita Mukherjee	Callie Anderson
Sarah Gewirtz	Ryan Sanchez & Hayley Davison
Chris Conway	Tom Deters
Matt Reichert	Sophia Diaz & Mark Rosen
Emily Esch	Tom Ende
Kevin Clancy	Cierra Ferguson
Kyhl Lyndgaard	Nich Flottmeier
Beth Wengler	Jacob Gathje
Sarah Schaaf	Elizabeth Hamak
Jim Crumley	Molly Johanson
Cathy Robak	Therese Welch & Brianna Kreft
Diana Fenton	Charlie McAllister
Michael Hemmesch	Giselle Meza
Casey Gordon	Nolan Morrey
John Kendall	James Siems & Cameron Murphy
John Pollack	Jack Odegard

Ethan Aaronson	Fiona Rosko
Adia Zemen Theis	Audrey Steinhagen
Annette Atkins	Taylor Stinson
Boz Bostrom	Olivia Tikalsky
Kris Nairn	Nicholas Trucke
Kyle Rauch	Moses Wiseman
Anne Sumangil	Anne Zweber
Erica Rademacher	Erin Fiedler
Laura Hammond	Grace Steinhagen
Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman	Belle Scheffler

The HIVE

System Maintenance: Please be aware of the following HIVE system maintenance dates, which will impact the availability of The HIVE. **Downtime of approximately 60 minutes is expected.** The downtime may occur at any time during the time window. You may experience slowness while all imports complete after the update:

- **November 12, 2021 at 10:59 pm – November 13, 2021 at 4:59 am**
- **November 16, 2021 at 10:59 pm – November 17, 2021 at 4:59 am**
- **November 24, 2021 at 10:59 pm – November 25, 2021 at 4:59 am**

Libraries

Podcasts series - Book Shots: Listen to Richard Ice talk about a book he recently read on the podcast series, "Book Shots". Dr. Ice discusses with our host Kelly Groth (Access Services Associate – Circulation) the book, *Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age* by Dr. Sanjay Gupta. You can listen to the podcast from this link: <https://soundcloud.com/sarah-gewirtz-174402520/book-shots-richard-ice>. If you or a student has a book that you'd like to discuss, please contact Sarah Gewirtz (sgewirtz@csbsju.edu) to be on the CSB/SJU Libraries new podcast, "Book Shots".

Instructional Technology

Instructional Technology Day—Save the Date: Instructional Technology Day 2022 is scheduled for **January 6, 2022**. The agenda is being finalized but expect sessions on the Hive, OneDrive (replacing M drive), and innovative uses of technology in the classroom. The event will be online and registration will start after Thanksgiving. Please join us for an informative and interesting day of professional development!

Workshop Opportunity: A new workshop <https://www.csbsju.edu/instructional-technology/technology-training/training-workshops> is now being offered on "ePortfolios for Student Reflection." This session digs into ePortfolios as a high impact practice to spur reflective thinking about learning. Please sign up if you're interested and if you have any feedback on other potential topics for workshops contact Miranda Novak mnovak@csbsju.edu.

Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research Summer 2022 Opportunities:

Summer Collaborative Grants: Undergraduate Research is pleased to share our **Call for Proposals for the 2022 Summer Collaborative Grant**. This summer, Undergraduate Research will fund a total of 13 student-faculty collaborative teams to work on a wide range of research and creative work projects. These funds are available to ALL disciplines and are distinct from traditional departmental lines held by each department. **Applications will be due on January 21st, 2022 at 11:59pm.**

Part of our Summer Collaborative Grant is dedicated to two specialty grants for 2022: the **Interdisciplinary Faculty Collaborative Grant and DEI Collaborative Grants:**

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Collaborative Grants:** As CSB/SJU have embraced the importance of embedding DEI in our institutions, Undergraduate Research is committed to centering DEI in on-campus research and creative work. Two lines of our 13 Summer Collaborative Grant will be dedicated to projects with an emphasis on diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.
- **Interdisciplinary Faculty Collaborative Grants:** This grant will fund two faculty and two students to collaborate on an interdisciplinary research project; we are excited about this opportunity as we believe it supports the mission of Undergraduate Research and CSB/SJU as liberal arts and sciences institutions.

If you are interested in mentoring a student collaborator over Summer 2022 and have a well-designed project, please consider applying by **January 21st, 2022**. [Please click here to view the prompts and submit your proposal.](#)

Driven 2 Discover at the MN State Fair: CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research is excited to partner with the Driven to Discover Research Facility (D2D) at the Minnesota State Fair to conduct research at the Minnesota State Fair. We invite faculty and their students to take advantage of this unique opportunity to quickly and efficiently recruit fairgoers as participants in minimal-risk, human-subjects research at the D2D Research Facility. Undergraduate Research covers the fees associated for one shift at the fair for a faculty mentor and their student researchers. You will be prompted to upload the your proposal addressing the criteria in the CFP as a single PDF or Word document. Please limit your submission to 1-2 pages, if possible. Please submit your proposal [here](#) by **December 6th, 2021**.

Please contact Lindsey Gunnerson Gutsch at lgutsch001@csbsju.edu for more information.

Fulbright Hayes Short Program

Fulbright-Hayes Trip to Bosnia: Faculty in humanities, social science, foreign languages and/or area studies wanted for our 2022-2023 Fulbright-Hayes Short Program exploring the intersection of languages, politics, history, educational systems, and culture in Bosnia & Herzegovina, June 2022. Pre- and post-travel seminar, airfare, housing, food funded by our grant from the US Dept. of Education. For more information and to apply, follow the attached link. Applications due by **December 3**. [More Information](#)

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting; Thursday, November 11 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, November 16 4:30 -6:00 p.m.

For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu

The Buzz on Campus

LLAS Fall 2021 Series: Race and Climate Change - Wed. Nov. 10 at 6:30 PM

Dr. Nicole Fabricant presents "Imagining Socio-economic and Agro-ecological Alternatives in a Moment of Climate Crisis: Voices from Movements in Latin America and Baltimore."

Her presentation incorporates the multiple voices of Black and Brown activists while also proposing some policy recommendations as we move towards a Green New Deal for Housing/Green New Deal for Education. Click More Information to register for this webinar. [More Information](#)

Resilience & Reconciliation: Native American Boarding Schools and the Actions Crucial for

Healing: CSB Campus Ministry, the McCarthy Center, and the IWL are excited to welcome Jamie Arsenault, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the White Earth Nation. Jamie will discuss the movement for reconciliation with Native Nations and the crucial work being done with St. Benedict's Monastery. Joining her is Sister Pat Kennedy, archivist for the Monastery. **Thursday, Nov. 11th at 7 pm in Upper Gorecki.** If you have a question for our panelists, use the link here: [More Information](#)

Beyond the Gender Binary Speaker: ALOK Vaid-Menon! Please join us on **Wednesday, November 17th at 7pm** to hear from ALOK Vaid-Menon. ALOK is an internationally acclaimed gender non-conforming writer, performer, and public speaker. The event starts at 7 pm but you can join us at the Multicultural Center (CSB) 6pm for conversation and snacks! Let students know that this is an approved gender co-curricular event. To sign up, please use this link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/libraries/alok1117>. Please let Sarah Gewirtz (sgewirtz@csbsju.edu) know if you have any questions.

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](#)