

The Buzz: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter

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From the Provost's Office

Return to Work (Summer): An email was sent out on Monday, June 9th by Richard Ice describing steps for coming back to campus this summer. While we are asking that faculty and staff work remotely if they can do so, we understand that some may need to be on campus to conduct their work. If you expect to come back to campus on a regular basis (more than 2-3 days/week), we ask that faculty fill out this [form](#) and staff fill out this [form](#). Please check the email for more information.



Fall Planning: The final AY 2020-2021 schedule will be announced soon. Regardless of the specific dates, a 4-credit class will have 15 class days of 3 hours each.

2020-2021 Sabbatical Update: In light of the financial challenges CSB/SJU face due to the COVID-19 pandemic, APBC recommended that the provost consider postponing sabbaticals awarded for this year to 2021-22. The provost reached out to individual sabbatical recipients and their department chairs to determine the feasibility of implementing this recommendation. Half of the recipients indicated that they could postpone their sabbaticals and the provost has agreed to postpone those ten sabbaticals to the 2021-22 academic year. This solution will help make the necessary budget reallocations, while minimizing disruption.

COVID-19 Response Team

The team has worked with Marketing and Communication to develop the [COVID-19 Response and Fall 2020 Information](#) page. This page has resources for [faculty and staff](#), [current students](#), [prospective students](#), and [alumnae/i and friends](#). We will continue to add information as we receive questions via the [forms manager link](#) sent out by Richard Ice.

Recent Actions:

- Developed the COVID-19 Resource page to include FAQs and communications sent to various groups
- Announced the Block Plan with hybrid learning to [students, faculty, and staff](#)
- Finalized the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar
- Announced the June Faculty Development opportunities

Ongoing Work:

- Continue to work with Marketing and Communication to develop
 - Informational videos to various groups

- Webinars for various groups
 - Work with the Faculty Development Team to plan and schedule Faculty and Staff training opportunities for July
 - Work with IT Services to finalize technology needs in laboratory and studio spaces
 - Work with the Registrar's Office and Academic Affairs to develop a revised Fall 2020 schedule
 - Work with C-CAPS to develop policies for the 2020-2021 school year
 - Continue to work with Human Resources to develop a Back to Work plan
 - Continue to work with Student Development to identify safety issues and expectations and to develop plans for co-curricular activities including athletics
 - In consultation with APBC and FCBC, continue work on development of institutional budgets that will address the structural portion of anticipated budget shortfalls at CSB and SJU resulting from sustained enrollment declines.
 - Continue work to estimate the potential range of pandemic-related one-time expense and revenue impacts under various states of campus operations. Accordingly, a supplemental budget plan is being developed to address these one-time extraordinary impacts in a temporary way.
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Academic Center for Excellence and Skills (ACES)

[Center for Global Education](#)

Call for Semester Study Abroad Directors: A call has been made the CGE for applications to direct a semester study abroad in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022. Details and the application can be found in an email from Kevin Clancy sent on June 2, 2020. The application deadline for the 2021-2022 academic year will be Friday, June 19, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Faculty Governance

June Joint Faculty Senate meetings: June 16 and 23 from 1-2:30 on Zoom. Watch for agendas and Zoom links from JFA chair [Greg Schroeder](#).

June Joint Faculty Assembly special meeting: June 15 from 11:00 to 12:00 on Zoom. The Zoom link and details are in an email from JFA chair Greg Schroeder sent on June 8, 2020.

Faculty Development

The following faculty development opportunities are available in June:

- IT Services Training Workshops. Register here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/instructional-technology/technology-training/training-workshops>
- “Teaching and Learning in Intensive, Time-shortened Courses,” an introduction to teaching on the block plan, on Tuesday, June 16, facilitated by Traci Freeman and Jane Murphy at Colorado College. Complete [form](#) by Thursday, June 11, at 12 noon.

- Course Design Workshop on Wednesday, June 24, facilitated by Ken Jones. Complete [form](#) by Thursday, June 18, at 12 noon.

See the email sent on June 4, 2020 from Terry Check for more details about each training opportunity.

Recommended Reading: In a June 10, 2020 Faculty Discussion Post, Dr. Laura Taylor shared a *Chronicle* article entitled “How I am Spending My Pandemic Summer Vacation” that is filled with useful resources as we prepare for the fall semester: <https://www-chronicle-com.ezproxy.csbsju.edu/article/How-I-m-Spending-My-Pandemic/248954>

The Buzz on Campus

From the CSB and SJU Student Senates: “The Saint Ben’s and the Saint John’s Senates remain committed to listening with empathy, and acting with purpose. Thus, we will be organizing two Zoom meetings in the coming week to ensure that students are heard, and more importantly, that action is taken on their behalf.

We are inviting you as faculty to join in these discussions, as you play an instrumental role on our campuses. Combating the institution of systematic racism begins with education. You are the very harbingers of our education- change stems from you.

On Monday, June 8th, the Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s Senate will be hosting a Zoom session from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be for us as Senates, for you as faculty, and for students, to simply share and listen to the experiences of other Bennies and Johnnies. With this, we are not asking for you to facilitate. Rather, we ask that you provide your presence, your willingness to listen, and your experiences as members of the CSBSJU community.

On Wednesday, June 10th, The Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s Senate will be hosting another Zoom session. The purpose of this meeting will be to generate ideas and solutions to these issues present both on our campus and in our communities. Come ready to brainstorm.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the Forms Manager in the link below to obtain the Zoom Link. Should you have any further questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to us. We are to work together with you to ensure that change takes place.

Stay strong and let your voices be heard,
The Saint Ben’s and the Saint John’s Senate

Form Link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/X0H4Z9SKML>

CSB & SJU: We're Listening Sessions: For more information, contact [Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman](#).

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| “Where’s God in all of this?” Session #1 | Thursday, June 11th @ 11am CST ZOOM ID: 968 3264 6422 ZOOM PW: 742993 | Host: Margaret Nuzzolese Conway (Dir, SJU Campus Ministry) & Others |
| “Where’s God in all of this?” Session #2 | Thursday, June 11th @ 8 PM CST ZOOM ID: 946 7798 6713 ZOOM PW: 742993 | Host: Margaret Nuzzolese Conway (Dir, SJU Campus Ministry) & Others |
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| <p>Tips on How to Talk to Family and Friends Who Don't Seem to Care or Understand Session #1:</p> | <p>Monday June 15th @ 12 noon CST ZOOM ID: 991 6063 5512 ZOOM PW: 536475</p> | <p>Hosts: Jen Kraemer (Communication Dept) and Anne Sumangil (Alum Relations) & Others</p> |
| <p>Tips on How to Talk to Family and Friends Who Don't Seem to Care or Understand Session #2</p> | <p>Monday June 15th @ 9 pm CST ZOOM ID: 997 6388 4098 ZOOM PW: 816364</p> | <p>Hosts: Jen Kraemer (Communication Dept) and Anne Sumangil (Alum Relations) & Others</p> |
| <p>Dealing with Emotional Trauma Session #1</p> | <p>Wednesday June 17th @12 Noon CST ZOOM ID: 912 1821 7766 Zoom PW: 225052</p> | <p>Hosts: Mike Ewing & CSB/SJU Counseling Staff</p> |
| <p>Dealing with Emotional Trauma Session #1</p> | <p>Wednesday June 17th @ 8 pm CST ZOOM ID: 941 1771 4201 Zoom PW: 279742</p> | <p>Hosts: Mike Ewing & CSB/SJU Counseling Staff</p> |