

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Deans

Academic Program Prioritization Process and Timeline message – see Academic Affairs email sent on 9/15/21 from the Academic Affairs email address.

Q&A sessions with the Deans

Barb May and Pam Bacon are hosting a series of Q&A sessions to help Academic Affairs faculty and staff navigate Fall semester. These meetings will begin with any updates but are meant to answer questions and address concerns regarding the academic year.

Wednesday, September 22 4:30-5:30 pm:

<https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/96404492725?pwd=K1RkbGdlMStPVmFsQ1FjTjBEc0hUUT09>

Thursday, September 30 4:30-5:30 pm:

<https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/91506246791?pwd=Q1VwY0MzT0lSWU9SWUR6RUtOYy9QQT09>

Academic Travel Funds: Academic Travel Funds are available for faculty who are traveling to conferences and workshops, as well as for online conferences and workshops. Submit your Academic Travel Fund request [here](#). Note that employees need to complete the [Employee Travel Form](#) prior to traveling.

Pandemic Planning Committee Update

Updated Guidance for Faculty with a Student Who Tests Positive for COVID: If a student notifies you that they have tested positive, we have simplified the process and ask that you fill out this [form](#) which will go directly to the Student COVID coordinator who can begin contact tracing with the information provided. For general questions (not case specific) about COVID please reference the COVID webpage FAQs: <https://www.csbsju.edu/covid-19> . If you have additional questions (not case specific) send them to covidinfo@csbsju.edu

New Student COVID Coordinator: We have hired a new Student COVID Coordinator, Emily Schmotzer, and are in the process of hiring a second Student COVID Coordinator. Welcome, Emily!

Academic Advising

From Jason Kelly: We know your schedules are busy and fitting something else into a “normal” class day is often tough. So, we would like to provide a Faculty Advising Workshop Day over the long weekend, on October 5th. The workshop includes four sessions to help you be an even better faculty advisor! In addition, the Dean’s Office will provide lunch! While this session is geared toward faculty who serve as advisors, we know many others serve in an advising role too, hence the wider invitation.

The four topics for the day would be:

1. Faculty Advising: What it is and what it is not—a session focused on the Goals of Faculty Advising through the four years and advising strategies/techniques
2. Using the HIVE in Faculty Advising
3. Faculty Advising and the Integrations Curriculum
4. Using Banner and DegreeWorks in Faculty Advising

We will only provide this workshop if we have enough people sign up—so please fill out the VERY SHORT survey found at this link (<https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/6RI4N6FIXY>) to let us know if you would be interested in a workshop on October 5th. We will be working to offer these sessions at other times too but thought this could be a better option for some people.

The Hive

Progress Surveys: Student Progress Update I went live on 9/17 and will close on 9/22. **To see details about Progress Surveys this fall click here:** [Fall 2021 Progress Survey Schedule](#)

Fall trainings for the HIVE are scheduled for the fall: There are sessions for new instructors, new staff and the sessions highlighted below specifically for Faculty Advisors. **Please go to [Training Workshops – CSB/SJU \(csbsju.edu\)](#)** to see details about other available session and/or to register.

The Hive - Training for Faculty Advisors: While there are many ways The Hive can be used, there are specific tools and features that Faculty Advisors should be familiar with to best support students at CSB/SJU. Attend one session to learn about features and tools used by the Faculty Advisor as well as a few features you want to guide your advisees towards using within in the Hive. This session assumes that you have an understanding of the HIVE and that you have completed setting up your profile prior to attending the session. Please bring you own device (laptop) to session.

Topics Covered in The Faculty Advisor training will include:

- Using Referrals or other alerts to connect students to services
- Managing the Student List - how to find and manage your advisees
- Pre-meeting preparation using the HIVE
- Raising, Commenting On and Clearing Alerts
- Record Keeping using the HIVE – meetings notes
- Configuring Office Hours for Online Scheduling

Session Dates and Times:

- Sept 23 – 10:30 am to 11:30 am – Founders Room, SJU
- Sept 29 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Presidents Dining Room , CSB
- October 5 – Time TBA – Gorecki, CSB
- October 18 – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Quad 264, SJU
- October 28 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Gorecki 204, CSB

Center for Global Education

The Center for Global Education's Annual Study Abroad Fair will be on **Wednesday, September 29, 3:00-6:00 pm (CSB Gorecki 204)**. The Study Abroad Fair will allow students to connect with CGE staff, past and future faculty/program directors, and a few past study abroad student returnees to explore a variety of study abroad options – semester, short-term (embedded & summer) & virtual programs. More information can be found at: <https://www.csbsju.edu/global/getting-started/study-abroad-101/study-abroad-fair>

Instructional Technology

Need a refresher on connecting a Canvas assignment to Portfolium? Attend one of our training sessions <https://www.csbsju.edu/instructional-technology/technology-training/training-workshops#Portfolium> and bring your questions! We're offering in-person and Zoom sessions.

Research and Grants Office

Applications for Scholarship & Creative Work Awards: A reminder that applications for **Spring 2022** Scholarship and Creative Work awards are due **Wednesday, October 6, 2021**. We are also pleased to announce that applications for **2022-2023 academic year** awards will be due on **Monday, November 8, 2021**. More information about the Scholarship & Creative Work Awards, as well as links to the Department Chair Approval Form and Submission Form, can be found here: <https://csbsju.edu/research-and-grants-office/supporting-research/scholarship-and-creative-work-awards>. Contact Karlyn Forner, Grants Partner, or Pam Bacon, Dean of the Faculty, with questions.

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, September 21 4:30 -6:00 p.m. HAB 128 and zoom
Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting; Thursday, September 23 4:30-5:30 p.m. via zoom

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

The Buzz on Campus

DEIJ Coordinating Committee Open Forum: CSB|SJU Presidents established the DEIJ Coordinating Committee to review DEIJ efforts and identify areas for additional work. We invite campus community members to review the report and provide feedback, suggestions, or areas of additional need. The first session is on **September 22 from 4:30-5:30 pm in Quad 170 (SJU)**. The second session is on **September 30 from 4:30-5:30 pm in Gorecki 204AB (CSB)**. Please click the link below to view the DEIJ Coordinating Committee's initial report. [More Information](#)

Latino/ Latin American Studies Fall 2021 Series: Race and Climate Change: The LLAS Fall 2021 Series has comprised three engaging events - add them to your calendar today! Learn how the climate crisis is affecting Latin Americans and the challenges they are facing. **Sept. 22 at 7:00 PM** - COPAL Organizers and **Oct. 12 at 6:00 PM** - Viviana Huiliñir-Curio. Click here for more information: [More Information](#)

A Christian Case for Climate Mitigation – Paul Douglas: It's been a record breaking hot and smokey summer. Fires burn in California and floods swamp the southeast. Star Tribune meteorologist and WCCO commentator Paul Douglas will be on campus **Sunday, September 26** to talk about climate change, what we are seeing in Minnesota, and what we can do. His talk "A Christian Case for Climate Mitigation" will be at **7:30 pm** in **Pellegrin Auditorium** on **September 26**.

Coloring the Conservation Conversation: An evening with J. Drew Lanham: Join the environmental studies department in welcoming Dr. J. Drew Lanham to CSB/SJU. Dr. Lanham will discuss what it means to embrace the full breadth of his African-American heritage and his deep kinship to nature and adoration of birds. The convergence of ornithologist, college professor, poet, author and conservation activist blend to bring our awareness of the natural world and our moral responsibility for it forward in new ways. Candid by nature — and because of it — Dr. Lanham will examine how conservation must be a rigorous science and evocative art, inviting diversity and race to play active roles in celebrating our natural world. **Tues, Oct 19; 7:00 p.m. Pellegrine Auditorium, SJU**. Approved ARTE and CSDI: Race/Ethnicity Event

Jodi Reeb: Painting Toward Sculpture now on display

Moving between two and three-dimensional forms, Jodi Reeb constructs paintings and sculpture layer by layer. Three main bodies of work in this exhibition explores the theme of nature's cycles. Working to develop scale, geometry, spatial relationships, texture and color, these works challenge the visual properties of paintings and sculpture with translucency and dimensionality. [More Information](#)

Current Academic Year Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday: 2 - 6 p.m.; Thursday: 2 - 8 p.m.

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](#) .