

# ***THE BUZZ:*** Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



## From the Provost's Office

**Faculty Open Forum:** Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will conduct a site visit as part of the review process for CSB and SJU change of structure application to create a single president for CSB/SJU and having two separate governing boards with common members. Faculty are invited to meet with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Team on **Monday, September 13 from 4:15-5:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall in the HCC** at CSB to discuss the change of structure application and seek input from the faculty. The purpose of the meeting is to seek input concerning the change of structure application. See the email from Academic Affairs on 9/8/21 for a quick guide and the application and review process.

### **All Campus Community Forum and Academic Affairs Workshop Materials:**

All Campus Community Forum 2021 Recording: <https://youtu.be/2IHhMFdzXGs>

Academic Affairs Workshop 2021 Recording: <https://youtu.be/ysv0qoXyUjs>

Link to Academic Affairs PowerPoint presented at the 2021 Academic Affairs Workshop: [here](#)

## From the Deans

**September Academic Affairs Q&A Sessions:** 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. A recording of each session will be shared in the Buzz.

### **Wednesday, September 15 4:30-5:30 pm:**

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

### **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=Q1VwY0MzTOISWU9SWUR6RUtOYy9QQT09>

**Syllabus Policies:** There have been questions on where to find the various statements and syllabus resources. In consultation with Miranda Novak and the Chair (Claire Haeg) and Vice-Chair (Parker Wheatley) of the Joint Faculty Assembly, we have placed updated versions of these statements on the Teaching and Learning Training Resources [Canvas webpage](#). We are hopeful this will be a reachable place that can be more easily updated and maintained.

**Leadership Discussion Group:** Dean Barb May will be hosting a reading and discussion group about effective leadership strategies this upcoming year, beginning in September. The goal of this year-long discussion group is to encourage and support community members across our campuses to develop their own leadership potential and skillset. The group will meet every two to three weeks to discuss a short set of readings about different aspects of leadership. If you are interested in participating, please share your availability on the [form](#). See the email sent from Academic Affairs on 8/27/21 for more information.

**Spring 2022 Scholarship and Creative Work Awards:** You can find more information about the Scholarship & Creative Work Awards and links to the Department Chair Approval Form and Submission Link on the [Research and Grants Office website](#). Applications for Spring 2022 awards are due **Wednesday, October 6, 2021**. Please see the email sent by Academic Affairs on 8/25/21 for more information.

## Pandemic Planning Committee Update

### Updated Guidance for Faculty with a Student Who Tests Positive for COVID:

Should a student test positive in your classroom, please follow these updated general steps.

1. It is up to the student to notify you if they must isolate due to a positive COVID test. As mentioned in previous announcements and as addressed on the COVID webpage, as possible, please work with the student to make up any work missed while isolating. If able, this is an opportunity to use our hybrid technology to allow the student to participate or at least listen to the class while not being able to be present.
2. Request that the student notify the CSBSJU COVID Coordinator of their positive test at [studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu](mailto:studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu). If they have additional questions regarding their care, they may also contact the COVID Triage RN at 320-363-5370.
3. Because we are not social distancing, the COVID coordinator will conduct contact tracing and reach out to those who may have been within six feet of the student for more than 15 minutes. Therefore, as a faculty member teaching the positive case please notify the COVID coordinator via email at [studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu](mailto:studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu) of students that were not socially distanced based on your seating chart or activities in class. Please provide them a name, student email (so they

contact the correct student), and the course number (SUBJxxx). From there, the COVID coordinator will reach out to students to determine if quarantine is necessary.

4. You are able to send a general email to your class that states that there was a student that tested positive and they should monitor for symptoms for the next 14 days. If a student has any questions or concerns, they can email the COVID coordinator ([studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu](mailto:studentcovidcoord@csbsju.edu)) or call the Covid Triage RN (320-363-5370).
5. **Health services is requesting that the COVID Triage RN phone number only be used by students at this time.**
6. For general questions (not case specific) about COVID please reference the COVID webpage FAQs: <https://www.csbsju.edu/covid-19> or send questions to [covidinfo@csbsju.edu](mailto:covidinfo@csbsju.edu).
7. When sending information to the COVID Coordinator know that there may be a delay in response as the student positive cases and contact tracing takes precedence.

**What should faculty do if students need to quarantine or isolate?** If students need to quarantine or isolate, students must work with their instructors to determine whether short-term remote participation is possible during isolation/quarantine. There may be occasions where remote participation is not possible. Absences due to isolation/quarantine will be considered excused absences and students will, to the extent possible determined by the instructor, be allowed to make up work. For additional guidance on periodic remote attendance, please read our updated [attendance policy](#).

**Masking Policy Updates:** View the weekly Masking Policy Update from the Pandemic Planning Committee on the [COVID-19 Resources and Fall 2021 Planning page](#) (scroll down to the Fall 2021 Information section) or watch for the announcement on the Bulletin Board.

## Registrar's Office

If a student on your roster has not arrived for the term, please use the Enrollment Verification Survey via the HIVE to raise a 'Never Attended Flag' for the student. This will alert both Academic Advising and others in the students network that the student has not arrived for the term. Any student who fails to properly drop a course may be subject to a failing grade at the end of the semester.

## Integrations Curriculum

**Co-Curricular Events:** Any faculty interested in an up-to-date list of co-curricular events for Integrations courses (CSD courses and Themed courses (required for Focus, encouraged for Encounter)) can check the Integrations website here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources/co-curricular-events> If you have suggestions for an event to be included, please contact [Shane Miller](#) directly.

**Integrations Curriculum Teaching Resources:** Check out the teaching resources on the Integrations Website: <https://www.csbsju.edu/integrations-curriculum/faculty-resources/teaching-resources>. For

those of you teaching a course with a Metacognition or Collaboration learning outcome, be sure to check out the excellent resources developed by your faculty colleagues for those outcomes.

## The Writing Center

The Writing Center now offers Collaborative Studio hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at the CSB Writing Center (HAB 103). The Collaborative Studio is a new space where students can come work individually or with their peers on different writing tasks such as brainstorming, drafting, and group projects. Collaboration sessions offer a comfortable and productive space for students to work with ready access to writing center resources, including peer tutors and materials. Participation is trackable via the Hive.

## Center for Global Education

To quote Dickens, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”

**The good news:** After a 518 day hiatus, we are delighted to have 86 CSB/SJU students on study abroad programs in France, Greece, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Moreover, we are thrilled to welcome three exchange students to CSB/SJU from our partner Bunkyo University in Tokyo, Japan.

**The bad news:** The continued impact of COVID-19 has led to the cancelation of both the spring 2022 [Australia semester program](#) and [South Africa semester program](#). CGE is working with the impacted students if they wish to transition to another spring 2022 semester study abroad program (Cork, Dublin, London, or Sevilla, Spain).

**The hopeful news:** Student applications are now open for spring 2022 [short-term study abroad embedded programs](#).

### 2022-23 Study Abroad Directors

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 semester study abroad directors:

#### Fall 2022

**Austria – Madhu Mitra** *English*

**Chile – Megan Sheehan** *Sociology*

**France – Ana Conboy** *Languages/Cultures*

**Greece – Matt Callahan** *English*

**Italy – Jason Schlude** *Languages/Cultures*

**Japan – Jeff DuBois** *Languages/Cultures*

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**Mexico – Roy Ketchum** *Hispanic Studies*

**South Africa – Kyhl Lyndgaard** *Environmental Studies*

**Spain – Michael Livingston** *Psychology*

**United Kingdom – Elaine Rutherford** *Art*

## IT Services

**IT Services Fall 2021 Newsletter:** In the Fall 2021 IT Services Newsletter <https://csbsju.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/2466/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=132973> you'll find information about a change to how students access software in computer labs, how they print in labs, and details on students' move from M drive to OneDrive. Please see the newsletter for details on this and more!

**Classroom Technology Refresher:** If you have quarantining/isolating students who need to attend class remotely, but you've forgotten how the classroom technology works, the Instructional Technology Specialists are available to meet with you and walk through the process with you. Reach out to schedule time to walk through the technology to refresh your memory! <https://csbsju.edu/instructional-technology/make-an-appointment>. Contact Miranda Novak ([mnovak@csbsju.edu](mailto:mnovak@csbsju.edu)) for more information.

**Library Display: 20th Anniversary of 9/11 – Please contribute!** CSB/SJU Libraries are putting together a display for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We are asking faculty and staff to send us their memories and reflections for the display:

- 1) Where were you on 9/11?
- 2) What were you thinking as the events unfolded?
- 3) How did 9/11 affect you?

If you want to participate, please send your responses to Kelly Groth ([kgroth001@csbsju.edu](mailto:kgroth001@csbsju.edu)) or contact Sarah Gewirtz ([sgewirtz@csbsju.edu](mailto:sgewirtz@csbsju.edu)) 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](mailto:jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu)

## The Buzz on Campus

**Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning:** Retracing Jewish Roots on the North Dakota Prairie: Stories and Lessons about Life, Family, and Faith. *Presentation by Rebecca Bender. Monday, September 13, 2021, 4:30 to 5:30 PM* Quad 264, Saint John's University. [View event information](#)

**Live Video Call With an Astronaut:** On Tuesday, September 14 at 3:30pm in Pellegrine auditorium the CSB/SJU physics department will host an event with astronaut (and SJU alum) Mark Vande Hei. We will have a live call from the International Space Station to CSB/SJU. Students and other community members from CSB/SJU, and other nearby schools will have ask Mark a questions. All are welcome to attend and find out more about Mark's time in space.

**Celebrating Constitution Day at CSB/SJU: Voting Rights Panel:** The panel will consist of Michelle Witte, executive director of the League of Women's Voters of Minnesota, and Jaylani Hussein, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Minnesota (CAIR-MN), with the discussion moderated by Claire Haeg, professor of political science at CSB/SJU.

The discussion will look at the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, re-districting and recent legislation and lawsuits. **Thurs. Sept. 16th @ 6 PM in Quad 170.**

**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](#)

**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](#) .