WheelerNotes

Celebrating Twenty-Six Years on November 28: On November 28 the campus community is invited to take a stroll to the Hightower Library between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm to greet Nancy Anderson and thank her for her many years of service to colleagues, students, and community. Tea, cookies, and fruit will be available, but the star attraction will be the opportunity to express appreciation to one of Gordon’s heroes. We hope to see you there.

An Old Theme Revisited: Thank Goodness for the Academic Contest: About this time each year I reflect with gratitude on the Academic Contest just past and what this event means to our region and our campus. Thank you Dr. Aiello for your leadership of this effort; and thank you staff and faculty for your strong support. Several important first:

- Largest Number of Participants – 377
- Largest Number of Gordon Students participating – 26

Summer Salaries for Summer 2013: In 2008, the Faculty Welfare Committee working with Lee Fruttiicher designed a summer school compensation program with three scheduled levels of compensation:

- 26 or more students – 3% per credit hour
- 15-25 students – 2.5% per credit hour
- Fewer than 15 students - $2100 per section if the course is approved

On April 9 of 2012, the Faculty Welfare Committee hosted an Open Forum in which faculty compensation was discussed. In the meeting the decision was made to (a) quickly revisit the 2008 compensation formula for Summer 2012 and (b) give more considered attention to this issue in Fall 2012

For Summer 2012, Academic Affairs worked with several faculty leaders to adjust the compensation schedule to prorate the compensation for classes in which there were 15 – 25 students. For the math geeks among us, we replaced the second bullet above with this statement:

- Faculty with courses with 15-25 or more students earn between 2.5% and 3% of salary per credit hour prorated by the formula: .025 +(X-15)*.005 where X is the number of students in the class.

This change resulted in increased compensation for 37 faculty members in Summer 2012.

This fall the Faculty Welfare Committee asked that we consider additional modifications of the summer compensation schedule. After considerable study, we will implement the following schedule for Summer 2013.

- Faculty with classes with 20 or more students earn 3% of salary per credit hour.
- Faculty with courses with 10-20 students earn between 2.5% and 3% of salary per credit hour prorated by the formula: .025 +(X-10)*.005.
- Courses with fewer than 10 students are usually cancelled unless given special consideration by the VPAA. If they make, they will be reimbursed at $700 per credit hour.

We estimate that this will result in increased compensation for 50-60 sections for Summer 2013.

The implementation of this schedule for Summer 2013 is a pilot program. In these uncertain economic times, it is essential that we leave the summer term (the first term of the fiscal year) solidly in the black. We will periodically review the schedule for calculating summer faculty pay to ensure that the summer semester continues to be viable.

AndersoNotes

I just wanted to take a few lines to tell you all how much the faculty and staff at Gordon, both past and present, have meant to me. Hightower Library has been my second home for the last 26 years and I have made many life time friends. I have learned so much from all my encounters at Gordon and they are lessons I will use the rest of my life. Thank you for the wonderful memories.
Dr. Karki’s country of origin is Nepal. While in Nepal, he worked for 15 years in the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in Nepal various capacities: Technical Officer, Livestock Economist/Development Specialist (for German Technical Cooperation Project Nepal), and Under-Secretary (Planning Officer, Senior Livestock Development Officer). During his tenure in these positions, he was heavily involved in program planning (periodic and perspective), budgeting, field monitoring, program review, assessment, and reporting of the projects and programs. Also, he was partially engaged in preparing training curricula and conducting training for farmers, field technicians, and officers on the basics of farm economics and farm business management focusing on livestock enterprises.

His horizon of knowledge and skills have been widened by on the job training and academic visits in India, United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Italy, France, the Philippines, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.

**Gahr Notes**

**Dr. Bernard Anderson**'s article "A bounded jump for the bounded Turing degrees," written with Barbara Csima, was accepted for publication in the Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic. This paper has been presented by Dr. Anderson or his coauthor at conferences in the United States, France, Russia, and Canada.

**Dr. Amanda Duffus** and her students have completed an information sheet for the Southeastern Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation which will be published on the web in 2013. Duffus, A.L.J, C.M. Jackson, and A.M. Andrews. 2013. Dermocystidium (Amphibiocystidium) Infections in Amphibians. Southeastern Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, Disease, Pathogens and Parasites Task Team, Information Sheet

**Dr. Cris Fermin-Ennis** invited pharmacy school admissions officers from Mercer University and South University to give a talk on admission requirements to pre-pharmacy majors on November 1 and 6, 2012. The seminars were very well attended and gave students a chance to individually meet and talk with the admissions officers.

**Dr. Linda Hyde** and members of EarthWindFire (the Science Club) spent a Saturday morning in September removing invasive plant species from the Joe Kurz Wildlife Management Area in Meriwether County. They also visited Zoo Atlanta in October.
Drs. Sarah Rosario and Amanda Duffus attended the 98th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the American Society of Microbiologists, October 25-27 in Athens, GA. Their students presented the following poster: Jackson, C.M., Thaeter, J., Duffus, A.L.J. and S.E. Jackson-Rosario. 2012. Iridovirus Phylogenetics: Is the Major Capsid Protein Enough?

Dr. Lynn Rumfelt:
- attended a Symposium on Scholarship on Teaching and Learning on October 12, 2012 hosted by Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia.
- worked with Geoff Clement, Science Olympiad Director and Co-Director hosted the annual meeting of Georgia Science Olympiad Tournament Directors at Gordon State College on Saturday October 13, 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to review the rules and means of implementing each of the 23 events for the regional competitions of Division B 6-9th graders and Division C 10-12th graders.
- and Professor Rhonda Wooley’s students enrolled in The Learning Community students in THEA 1100 Theater Appreciation and BIOL 1111 Introductory Biology for non-science majors performed their plays on October 17, 2012 in the Student Center Auditorium. Students wrote their own plays, designed their costumes and sound effects, directed and acted with enthusiasm and excellence.
- in conjunction with Professor Michelle Perry-Stewart gave a college presentation on the benefits of becoming a Gordon State student to 33 visiting students from Puerto Rico who were 8th -12th graders with GPA’s of 3.5 or more. Dr. Rumfelt stated, “These are the kind of students we would love to have lots more of here at Gordon.”
- gave a Math and Natural Sciences Divisional seminar on October 22, 2012 on the biology of the nurse shark and their immune system titled, “When the Shark Bites: Shark Adaptive Immunity.”
- gave a college class to visiting Lamar County 6th graders on how to isolate DNA from strawberries on October 24th for their annual “I’m going to college” visit. It was a blast!
- along with Dr. Richard Schmude on November 2nd, gave a Campus Visitor Day talk on core and major curriculum courses to approximately 20 very interested students and their parents. These students are looking to start college in the Fall 2013 since they are currently high school seniors and about 10 students were interested in Gordon State College’s Bachelor of Science Biology program.

Dr. Richard Schmude, Jr. on October 18, presented a poster titled “Changing Characteristics of an Anticyclone in Jupiter’s South South Temperate Current” at the Division of Planetary Science meeting of the American Astronomical Society held in Reno, Nevada.
- set up his telescope on Halloween. About 450 people had a chance to look through the telescope.

Dr. Zabdawi conducted a half hour of Math activity to the 6th graders from Lamar Middle school during the “I am going to College” day event.

HiggNotes
We are very excited to announce that Sue Gilpin has accepted the position of Testing Center Coordinator. Sue is known campus-wide for her outstanding work ethic and attention to detail, and we think she will get our new Testing Center off to a great start when it opens in January 2013. Sue will work “double duty” until then, continuing to handle all word-processing and copying requests, so if you are in the area, please drop by and congratulate her on her new position.

JansseNotes
The Honors Council met last month to review this semester’s applications, and the following students were admitted to the Honors Program:
- Ornella Oluwole, Andrew Henry, Amanda Petroff, Ashley Edwards, Haley Jackson, Laura Dubose, Taylor Hardy, John Tyler Young, Katlyn Robertson, Laura White, Henry Halleck, Danisha Jordan, Whitney Culppepper, Malissa Allen, Cameron Duty, Jacob Crowley, Stephanie Martin, Katelyn Hicks, Ashley Satterwhite, and Lauren Williams

If you know any of these students, I hope you’ll congratulate them on their accomplishment. We now have 64 students in the Honors Program, a new record!

- The Faculty Senate passed the Honors Program proposal to allow embedded courses as a component of the Program. Essentially, an embedded course is one in which an Honors student creates a contract with the instructor of a given course, and once approved by the Honors Program Director, the registrar will designate the course as an Honors section for that student. Students in the Honors Program will be allowed to embed 2 of the 4 required sections they need to complete for graduation through the Program. This is an exciting development because it will provide students more options in completing Program requirements. We currently have 10 Honors students working with faculty on contracts for courses in the Spring. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Program.
There are still quite a few seats available for ENGL 1102H and HIST 2111H this Spring. As you continue with advising, please keep these classes in mind for students who may benefit from the challenge and opportunity that an Honors section can provide. These classes are always listed as “closed,” and students will need to get in touch with me in order to register for them.

KnightoNotes

Dr. Joe Mayo lectured on September 21st, Technological versus Information Literacy: Technology’s Role in an Undergraduate Liberal Education, at the 9th Georgia International Conference on Information Literary held at the Georgia Conference Center in Savannah, GA. He also conducted a 90-minute interactive symposium, titled Teaching and Learning through Generative Analogies: An Ongoing Dialogical Process, at the 7th International Conference on the Dialogical Self at UGA.


WhitelockNotes

A note to all advisors: Please remember that many of our B.A. English courses can serve as valuable electives to students in other programs. For instance, B.A. science majors might benefit from taking Dr. Venus’ ENGL 3920: Technical Writing in spring, while B.A. Education majors could find Dr. Whitelock’s ENGL 4910: Introduction to Composition Studies valuable to their future teaching.

Note as well that the Blackshear Literary Society is holding a book donation drive. They are seeking new or gently used books for children through young adult readers for Little Children of the World, a local charity that seeks to get books into the hands of poor children, particularly in the Philippines and Haiti. Donated books can be left in the drop off boxes located in the Student Center Mail Room and the Humanities Office, Academic Hall 103.

Relatedly, on Thursday, Nov. 8, a group of Blackshear members attended the Adam Stephens Night Out for Poetry reading at Georgia Tech, featuring Bob Hicok and Jamaal May, accompanied by faculty advisors Dr. Stephen Powers and Mr. Perry Ivey.

Dr. Masoud Nourizadeh attended the Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC) in Durham, North Carolina. While in Durham, he visited the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, which has a nice collection of Peruvian artifacts. He also visited the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, which has a large collection of Auguste Rodin’s bronze statues.

Dr. Doug Davies has, this past month, conducted an interview with science fiction author Kim Stanley Robinson, which will be included in a special issue of the scholarly journal Configurations that he is co-editing with Dr. Lisa Yaszek on Robinson's fiction. He also had two papers accepted for presentation at scholarly conferences. This coming February he will present "Flannery O'Connor's Gothic Science Fiction" at the American Literature Association Symposium in Savannah. In April he will present "The Dead Space Megatext: Mediation, World Building and Play in a Survival-Horror Video Game" at the Eaton Science Fiction Conference in Riverside, CA; he has also been invited to be on a roundtable on the topic of "Science Fiction in Gaming" at that same conference.

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